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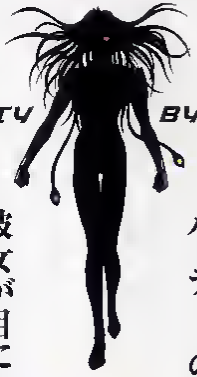

ついに明かされる、バーディーの少女時代…

彼女が目にしていた悲しき現実とは――!?

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バーディーが意識不明となり、体はバーディーなのに中身がつとむという状態に。二人の意識の混濁を避けるために、メギウスがつとむに語るバーディーの過去・・・　レビが巻き起こした惨状。偏見と悪意に満ちた周囲の子供たち。その小さな体に背負わされた少女の運命や、いかに・・・!?　二心同体SFアクション、第12巻!!

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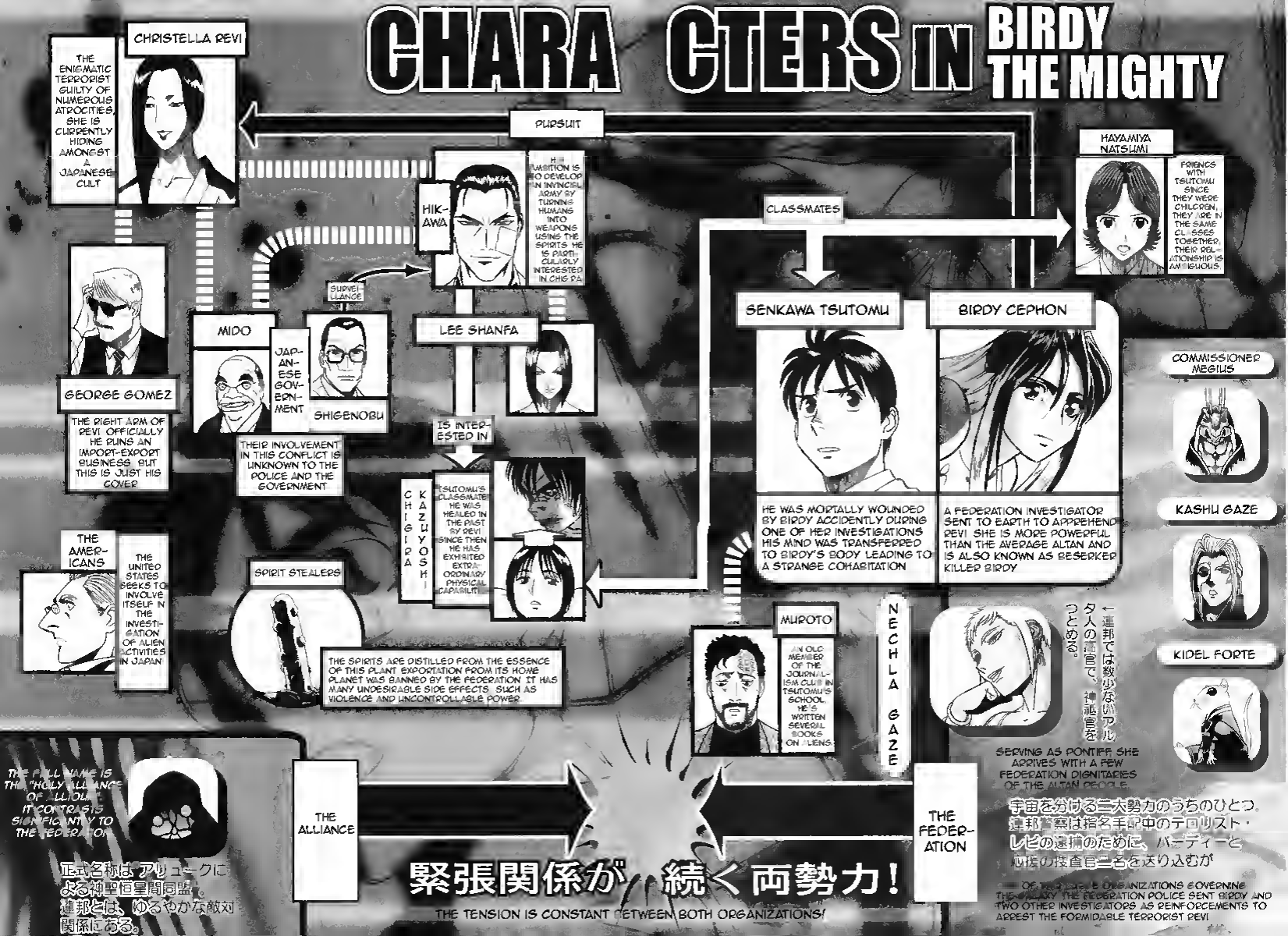
CHARACTERS IN BIRDY THE MIGHTY


CHRISTELLA REVI
THE ENIGMATIC TERRORIST GUILTY OF NUMEROUS ATROCITIES, SHE IS CURRENTLY HIDING AMONGST A JAPANESE CULT
PURSUIT
HAYAMIYA NATSUMI
FRIENDS WITH TSUTOMU SINCE THEY WERE CHILDREN, THEY ARE IN THE SAME CLASSES TOGETHER. THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS AMBIGUOUS.
HIKAWA
HIS AMBITION IS TO DEVELOP AN INVINCIBLE ARMY BY TURNING HUMANS INTO WEAPONS USING THE SPIRITS. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CHIGIRA
SURVEILLANCE
CLASSMATES
SENKAWA TSUTOMU
BIRDY CEPHON
COMMISSIONER MEGIUS
MIDO
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
SHIGENOBU
LEE SHANFA
GEORGE GOMEZ
THE RIGHT ARM OF REVI. OFFICIALLY HE RUNS AN IMPORT-EXPORT BUSINESS, BUT THIS IS JUST HIS COVER
THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS CONFLICT IS UNKNOWN TO THE POLICE AND THE GOVERNMENT
IS INTERESTED IN
HE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED BY BIRDY ACCIDENTLY DURING ONE OF HER INVESTIGATIONS. HIS MIND WAS TRANSFERRED TO BIRDY'S BODY LEADING TO A STRANGE COHABITATION
A FEDERATION INVESTIGATOR SENT TO EARTH TO APPREHEND REVI. SHE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE AVERAGE ALTAN AND IS ALSO KNOWN AS BESERKER KILLER BIRDY
KASHU GAZE
CHIGIRA KAZUYOSHI
TSUTOMU'S CLASSMATE. HE WAS HEALED IN THE PAST BY REVI. SINCE THEN HE HAS EXHIBITED EXTRAORDINARY PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES
THE AMERICANS
THE UNITED STATES SEEKS TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN THE INVESTIGATION OF ALIEN ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN
SPIRIT STEALERS
THE SPIRITS ARE DISTILLED FROM THE ESSENCE OF THIS PLANT. EXPORTATION FROM ITS HOME PLANET WAS BANNED BY THE FEDERATION. IT HAS MANY UNDESIRABLE SIDE EFFECTS, SUCH AS VIOLENCE AND UNCONTROLLABLE POWER
MUROTO
AN OLD MEMBER OF THE JOURNALISM CLUB IN TSUTOMU'S SCHOOL. HE'S WRITTEN SEVERAL BOOKS ON ALIENS
NECHLA GAZE
KIDEL FORTE
←連邦では数少ないアルタ人の高官で、神祇官をつとめる。
SERVING AS PONTIFF SHE ARRIVES WITH A FEW FEDERATION DIGNITARIES OF THE ALTAN PEOPLE.
THE FULL NAME IS THE "HOLY ALLIANCE OF ALLOUA". IT CONTRASTS SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE FEDERATION
正式名称はアリュークによる神聖恒星間同盟。連邦とは、ゆるやかな敵対関係にある。
THE ALLIANCE
THE FEDERATION
宇宙を分ける二大勢力のうちのひとつ、連邦。彼は指名手配中のテロリスト・レビの逮捕のために、パーティーと補佐の捜査官二名を送り込むが
TWO OF THE GREATEST ORGANIZATIONS GOVERNING THE SKY. THE FEDERATION POLICE SENT BIRDY AND TWO OTHER INVESTIGATORS AS REINFORCEMENTS TO ARREST THE FORMIDABLE TERRORIST REVI.
緊張関係が、続く両勢力！
THE TENSION IS CONSTANT BETWEEN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS!

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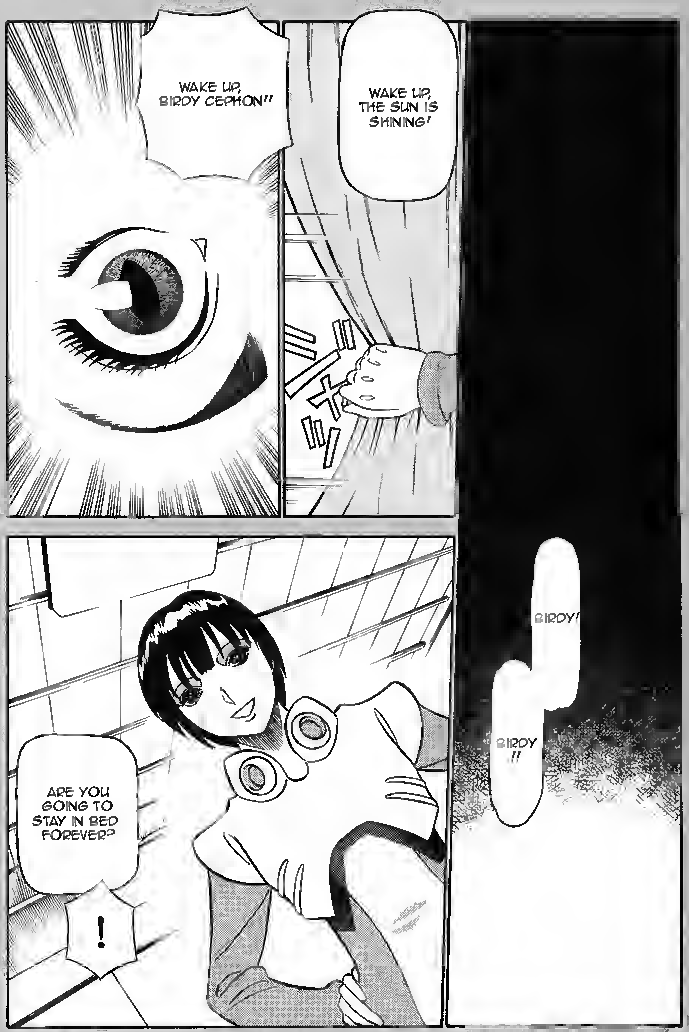

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MEMORIES OF A MARIONETTE #1

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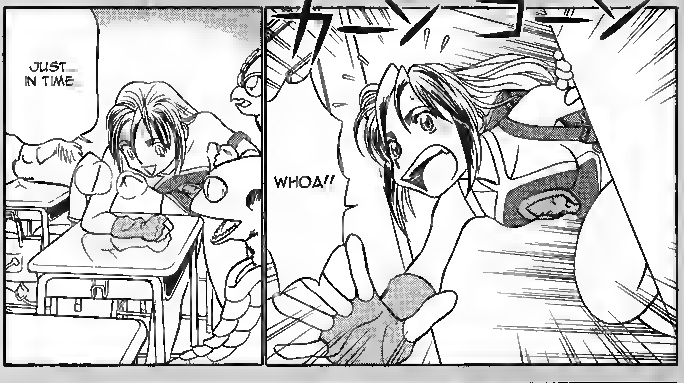
YOU HAVE TO EAT A SOLID BREAKFAST OR YOU'LL BE USELESS
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M THE ONE IN CHARGE OF RAISING YOU CORRECTLY
WHY ARE YOU BEING LIKE THIS?!
I'M LATE!!
OH NO!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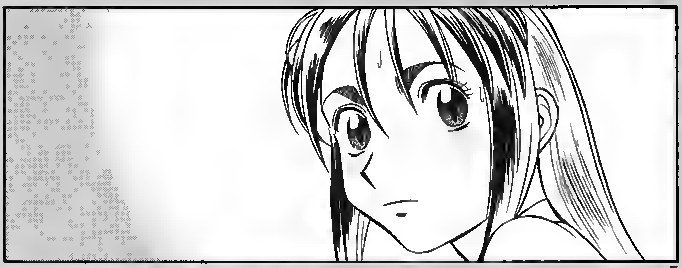
WHOA!!



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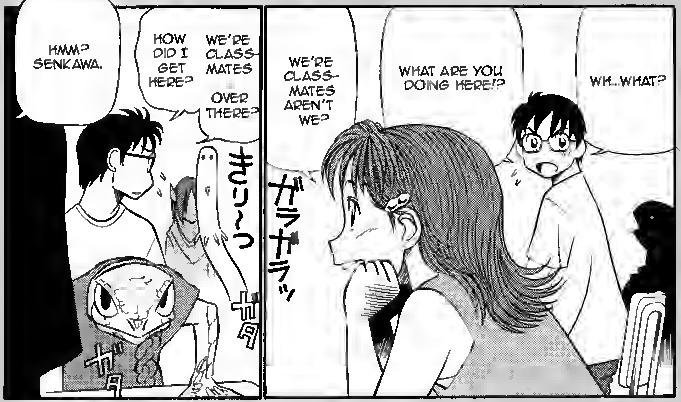
HIYAMIYA?!


HMM? SENKAWA.
HOW DID I GET HERE?
WE'RE CLASS-MATES OVER THERE?
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WE'RE CLASS-MATES AREN'T WE?
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
WH...WHAT?

WAH!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO BIRDY?

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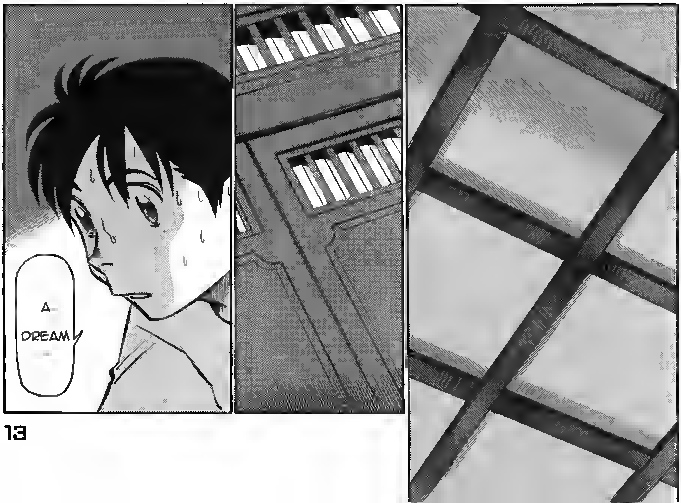

WHERE
AM I?
OH!
(GROWL)

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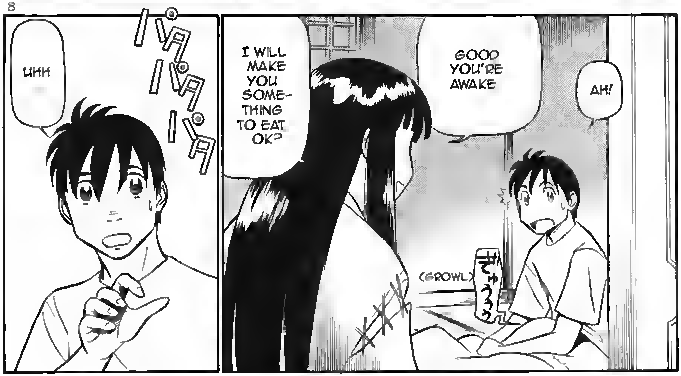
AH!
GOOD YOU'RE AWAKE
I WILL MAKE YOU SOME-THING TO EAT OK?
UHH
(GROWL)

OH...THAT'S RIGHT! SIRDY SUDDENLY LOST CONSCIOUSNESS
I'M ALONE! HAZUMI!
SIRDY WAKE UP!
THEN I DID TOO...
DOES THIS MEAN I...

HEY SIRDY!
WE'RE IN THE JIOKA-GAKKAN DOJO!
WE MUST HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HERE WHILE WE WERE ASLEEP!
HEY!
TSU-TO-MU!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
MOM!?

SINCE YOU MIGHT HAVE HIT YOUR HEAD
YOU WERE IN A COMA LIKE STATE SO I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU WENT TO A HOSPITAL IN TOKYO FOR A THOROUGH EXAMINATION
YOU WEREN'T EASY TO FIND AND WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU
WELL, YOU SEEM TO BE FEELING BETTER
HUH
YOU'RE HUNGRY, AREN'T YOU?
GO AHEAD SIT DOWN AND EAT
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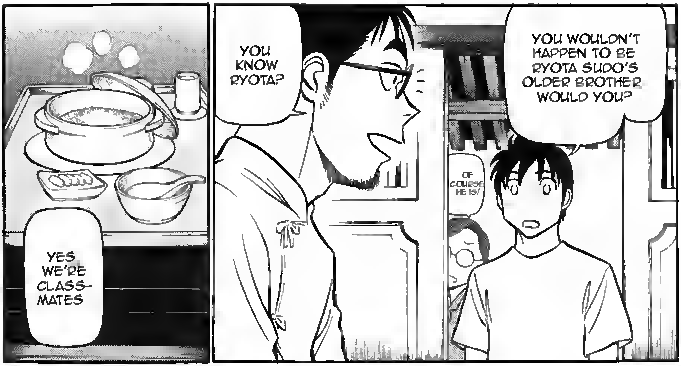
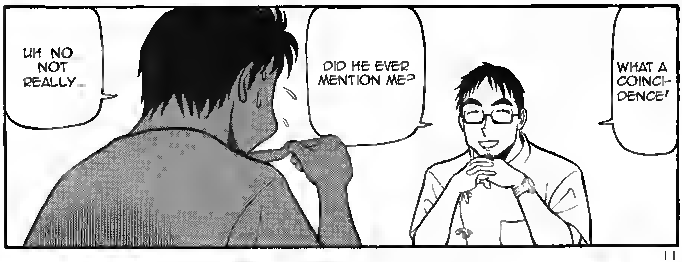
YES?
SUDO?
HE TOLD US ABOUT YOUR CONDITION AND WHERE TO COME TO PICK YOU UP
MR SUDO CALLED US


YES WE'RE CLASS-MATES
YOU KNOW RYOTA?
OF COURSE HE IS!
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE RYOTA SUDO'S OLDER BROTHER WOULD YOU?


UH NO NOT REALLY...
DID HE EVER MENTION ME?
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!

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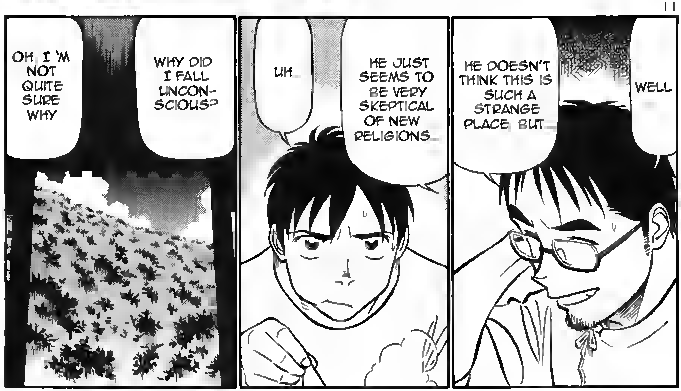
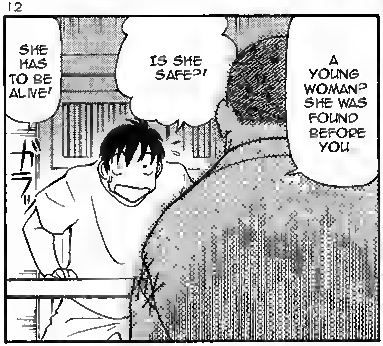

OH I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHY
WHY DID I FALL UNCON-SCIOUS?
UH...
HE JUST SEEMS TO BE VERY SKEPTICAL OF NEW RELIGIONS...
HE DOESN'T THINK THIS IS SUCH A STRANGE PLACE BUT...
WELL

I HEARD THIS MUCH FROM MR ZOSHI
YOU WERE FOUND PASSED OUT DOWN THERE
NEAR THE SHORE OF THE LAKE
YOU WALKED FROM HERE TO THERE IN THAT DOWNPOUR
SO YOU MUST HAVE BEEN TIRED AND SLIPPED IN THE MUD DON'T YOU THINK?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
OH OH YEAH I REMEMBER THAT NOW

OH WAS SOMEONE ELSE FOUND CLOSE TO ME?
UH...

DIDDY LOST CONSCIOUSNESS AND TRANSFORMED BEFORE THIS GUY FOUND ME...
WE'RE SAFE...


A YOUNG WOMAN? SHE WAS FOUND BEFORE YOU
IS SHE SAFE?!
SHE HAS TO BE ALIVE!
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HEY HEY! WHAT IS IT?!
SHE STAYED BY YOUR SIDE WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS
I HEAR YOU RECEIVED THE BENEVOLENCE OF THE HOLY MOTHER
MUROTO
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I'M AN INVESTIGATOR
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS?!
THEN I WAS SURROUNDED AND CAUGHT BY THESE GUYS
I LOOKED INTO YOUR SISTER'S WHEREABOUTS FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ALIEN GIRL...

AS HE GUIDED US OUT I LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS...
WELL FORTUNATELY FOR US HE DID FIND US IN THE MOUNTAINS...
SOME GUY NAMED ZOSHI OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT LEADS US OUT DOESN'T TALK MUCH SO I STAPT GETTING A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
UNTIL I ARRIVED HERE IT WASN'T EXACTLY EASY GOING
AFTER A WHILE YOUR SISTER AND I WERE CARRIED INSIDE
I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT HER TOO SINCE WE LOST CONTACT!
OH REALLY ?
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I I DON'T KNOW!
DID WE FORGET THE SPACE GIRL? WHERE DID SHE GO?

HER TEMPERATURE HAS LOWERED CONSIDERABLY
WELL SHE'S BETTER I THINK

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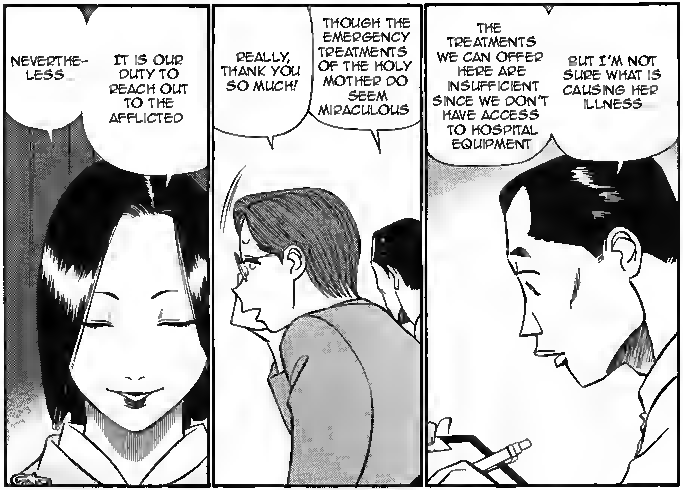
NEVERTHELESS...
IT IS OUR DUTY TO REACH OUT TO THE AFFLICTED
REALLY, THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THOUGH THE EMERGENCY TREATMENTS OF THE HOLY MOTHER DO SEEM MIRACULOUS
THE TREATMENTS WE CAN OFFER HERE ARE INSUFFICIENT SINCE WE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT
BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT IS CAUSING HER ILLNESS

MY SON HOW DO I PUT THIS? HE LIKES TO EXPLORE ABANDONED BUILDINGS
MY DAUGHTER WAS JUST IN TOKYO
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
WHY DID YOUR SON COME HERE?

SURELY IT'S AN AMAZING COINCIDENCE THAT A BROTHER AND SISTER SHOULD MEET HERE DON'T YOU AGREE?

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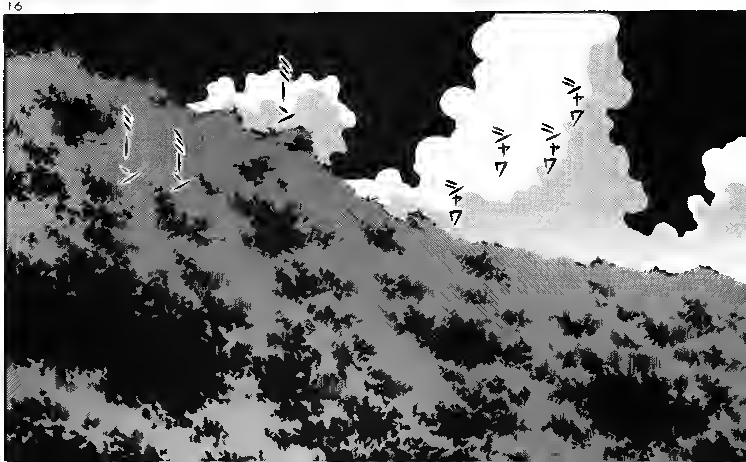
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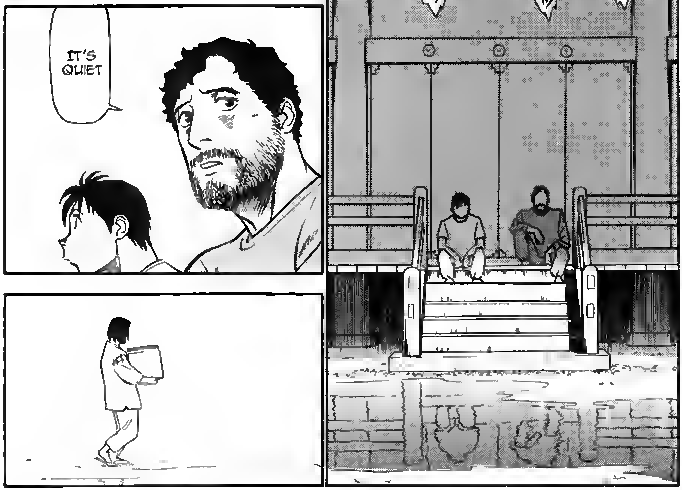
IT'S QUIET
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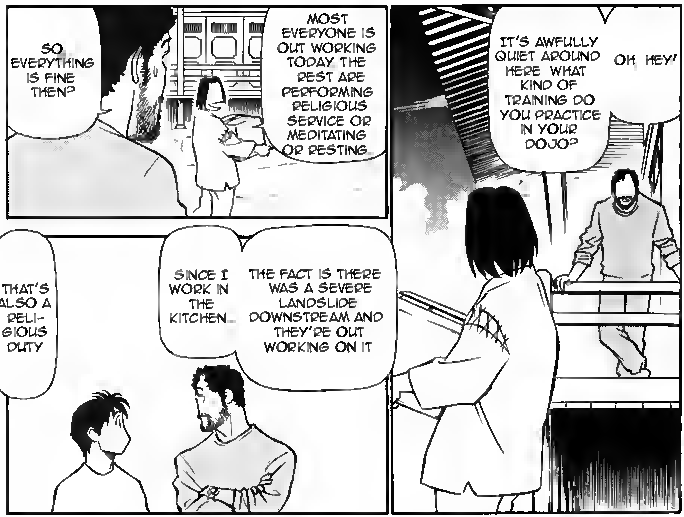
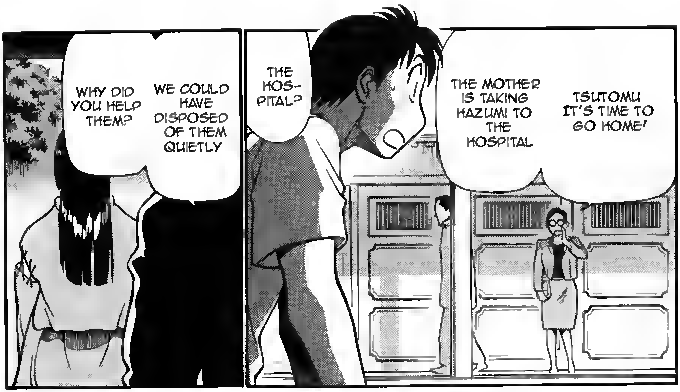

SO EVERYTHING IS FINE THEN?
MOST EVERYONE IS OUT WORKING TODAY. THE REST ARE PERFORMING RELIGIOUS SERVICE OR MEDITATING OR RESTING.
IT'S AWFULLY QUIET AROUND HERE. WHAT KIND OF TRAINING DO YOU PRACTICE IN YOUR DOJO?
OH. HEY!
THAT'S ALSO A RELIGIOUS DUTY
SINCE I WORK IN THE KITCHEN...
THE FACT IS THERE WAS A SEVERE LANDSLIDE DOWNSTREAM AND THEY'RE OUT WORKING ON IT


WHY DID YOU HELP THEM?
WE COULD HAVE DISPOSED OF THEM QUIETLY
THE HOS-PITAL?
THE MOTHER IS TAKING HAZUMI TO THE HOSPITAL
TSUTOMU IT'S TIME TO GO HOME!

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ARE YOU SAYING THAT WAS JUST THEIR FATE?
HOW MANY OF MY MEN HAVE DIED?
THINK OF THE POWER IT HOLDS, MISTER SHIGENOBU.
EVERY MAN IS DESTINED TO DIE DEATH WAS INEVITABLE LAST NIGHT WAS IT NOT?

第122話

MEMORIES OF A MARIONETTE #2

人形の記憶 #2

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SOMETHING EASY TO MAKE THEN...
REALLY?
WELL, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT?
THAT REMINDS ME, ISN'T IT NOON ALREADY?
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MOM WOULD BE ANGRY IF WE HAD THAT WITHOUT HER
SUSHI AND VEGETABLES?
WHAT SHOULD WE EAT FOR DINNER?

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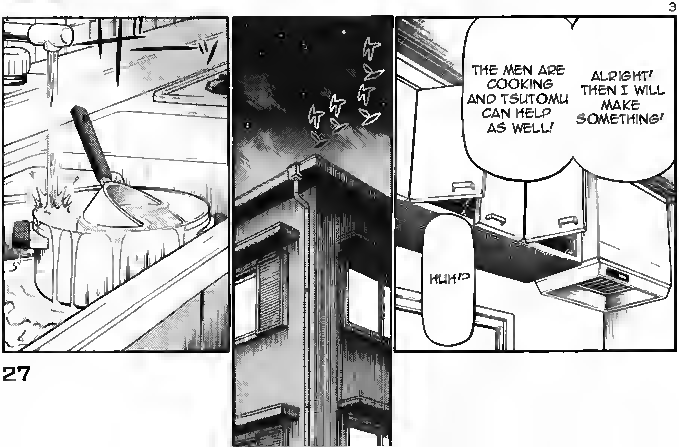
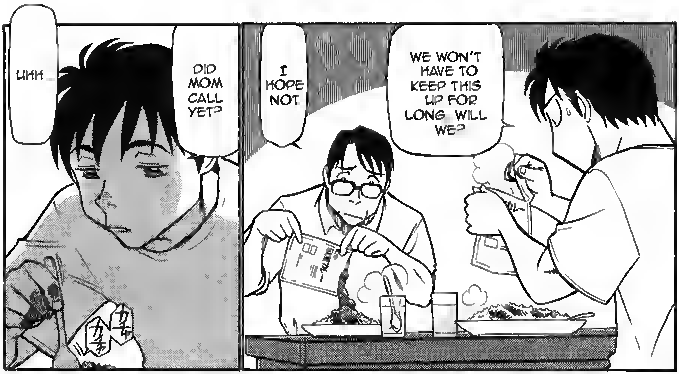

THE MEN ARE COOKING AND TSUTOMU CAN HELP AS WELL!
ALRIGHT! THEN I WILL MAKE SOMETHING!
HUH?


UHH
DID MOM CALL YET?
I HOPE NOT
WE WON'T HAVE TO KEEP THIS UP FOR LONG, WILL WE?

SHE'LL BE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A WHILE?
HAZUMI WILL NEED A CHANGE OF CLOTHES
SHE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW

READY TO GO HOME?

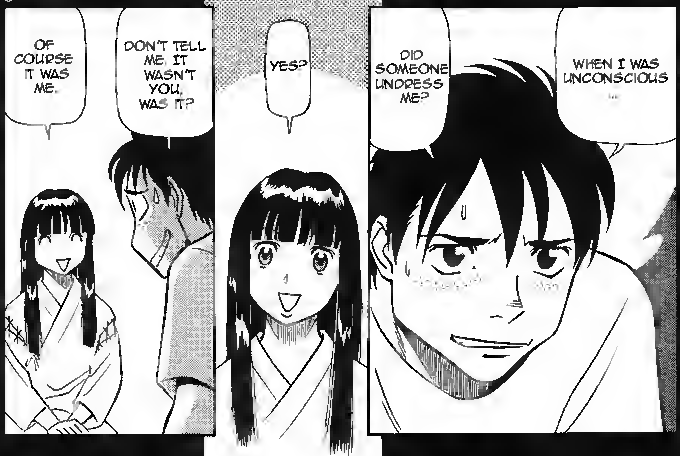
THE PEOPLE HERE FOUND MY RUCKSACK
OH, YEAH.

I ASKED TO STAY ANOTHER NIGHT.
I LIKE IT HERE.

THE LAUNDRY IS READY, A...

YOU'RE NOT RETURNING AS WELL?
AND THEN SHE'S GOING HOME.
HAZU... YOUR SISTER'S BEING ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL.

FOR GETTING MY CLOTHES WET
I'M SORRY...
YOUR CLOTHES ARE DRY...
A... APOLOGIES.
IT WAS QUITE BRIGHT OUT
I MEAN, EXCEPT FOR YESTERDAY WHEN I DRIED OUT IN THE MORNING SUN

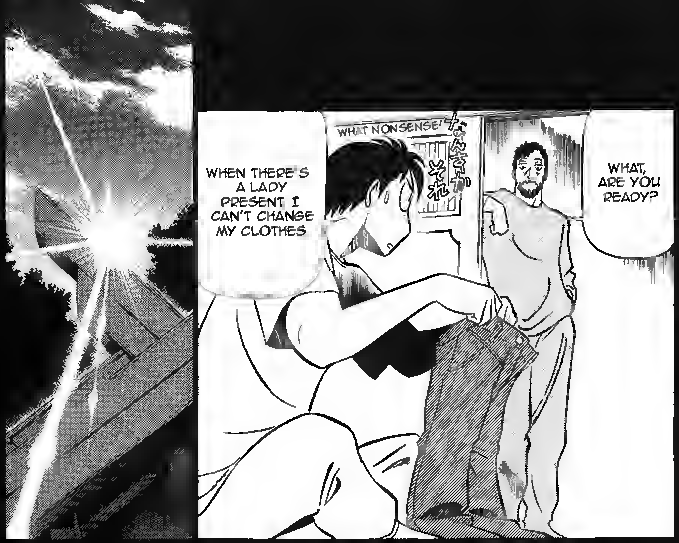

OF COURSE IT WAS ME.
DON'T TELL ME, IT WASN'T YOU, WAS IT?
YES?
DID SOMEONE UNDRESS ME?
WHEN I WAS UNCONSCIOUS...

A GUY COULD GET USED TO THIS.
YES, YES.
WITH THIS MANY BEAUTIFUL GIRLS AROUND, I WONDER HOW MANY ARE IN THE CULT WILLINGLY
THERE ARE SOME CUTE GIRLS HERE
IF IT PLEASES YOU, YOU MAY STAY TWO OR THREE DAYS MORE
I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT
IT DOES APPEAR AS IF YOU ARE A LITTLE LOW ON BELIEVERS TODAY
SORRY, BUT IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, ...

IS THAT USUALLY THE CASE?
SO THEY ALL WENT TO HELP
THERE WAS A LANDSLIDE DOWNSTREAM.
SO...
WHEN MANPOWER IS REQUIRED

IT'S GOOD PUBLICITY FOR... THE CULT.

WHAT OF IT?
IT'S A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF THE VARIOUS CHARITIES OF GOODWILL
IS IT NOT NATURAL TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO THOSE IN NEED?
THAT IS AN EXCELLENT ANSWER
UHH...


WHAT NONSENSE!
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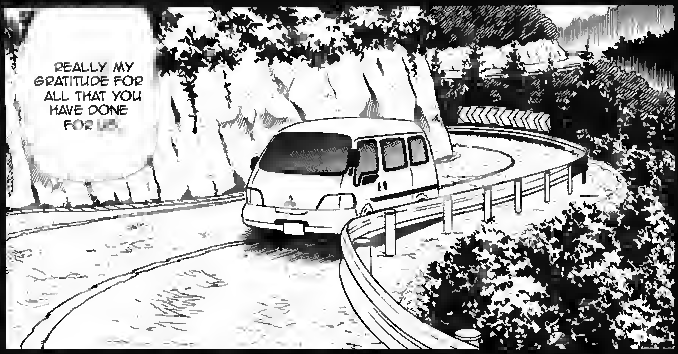
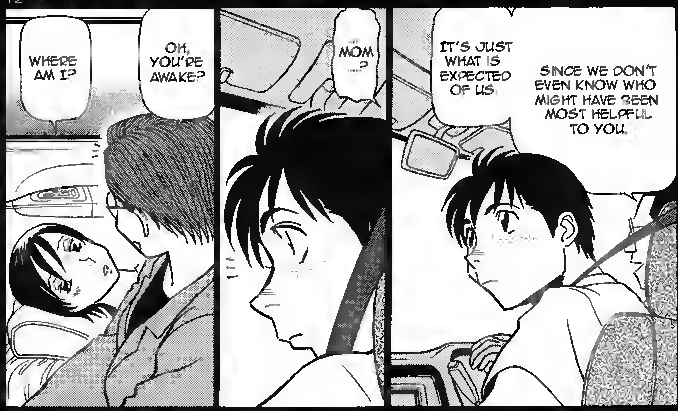
WHEN THERE'S A LADY PRESENT I CAN'T CHANGE MY CLOTHES
WHAT, ARE YOU READY?

HUH?
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SISTER?

WELL NO SHE'S ALRIGHT I GUESS
SHE USUALLY DOESN'T EVEN CATCH COLDS ONE TIME SHE ATE THREE DAY OLD LEFTOVERS FOR LUNCH AND THAT DIDN'T EVEN FAZE HER
ABOVE ALL SHE IS STRONG
WE HOPE THAT SHE RECOVERS SOON
UH
WELL
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US!
TSUTOMU OVER HERE


REALLY MY GRATITUDE FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US.

NO, NO, IT'S NOT NECESS-ARY...
HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY THANK YOU ENOUGH?


WHERE AM I?
OH, YOU'RE AWAKE?
MOM...?
IT'S JUST WHAT IS EXPECTED OF US.
SINCE WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO YOU.

OH,
WHY WAS I HERE?!
WHY, HOW DO I PUT IT...
BECAUSE YOUR CRAZY JOB SANK IT'S TEETH INTO YOU!
HOW DID WE GET TO THIS PLACE, I WONDER?
WE'RE ON THE WAY TO A PROPER HOSPITAL.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

YOU CAUSED MOM ENOUGH PAIN AND SUFFERING ALREADY.
JUST GIVE IT UP!
240,000 YEN... THE PAY FOR THE JOB...

SHOULDN'T I STAY WITH HER TOO?
I'M GOING TO STAY WITH HER TONIGHT.
TSUTOMU, GO BACK TO THE HOUSE
HM? I
IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD.

IKURUMI HOSPITAL
王生病院

WEEE
SOME STUDENTS ARE TAKING SUMMER COURSES. AT LEAST CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO DO BETTER
AND DON'T YOU HAVE ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT WITH YOUR SCHOOLWORK?
HEY BIRDY?
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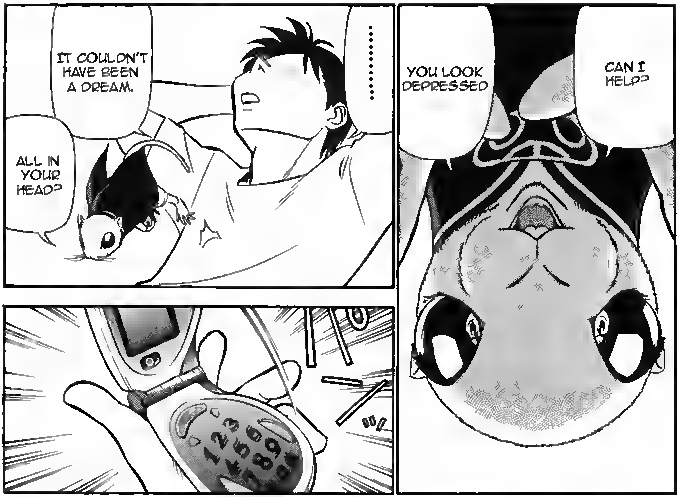
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN A DREAM.
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ALL IN YOUR HEAD?
YOU LOOK DEPRESSED
CAN I HELP?
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GO AHEAD.
LET ME IN
SHIP TALK TO ME
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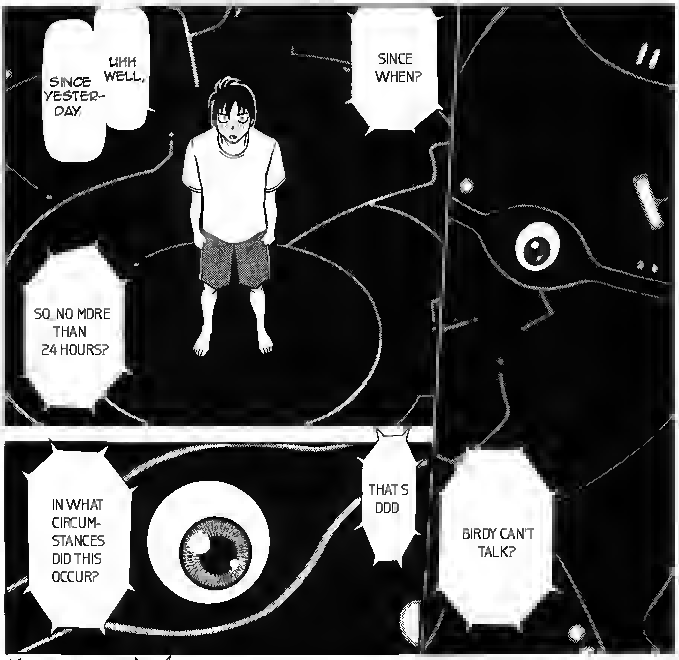
SINCE WHEN?
UHH WELL, SINCE YESTER-DAY
SO, NO MORE THAN 24 HOURS?
THAT'S ODD
IN WHAT CIRCUM-STANCES DID THIS OCCUR?
BIRDY CAN'T TALK?

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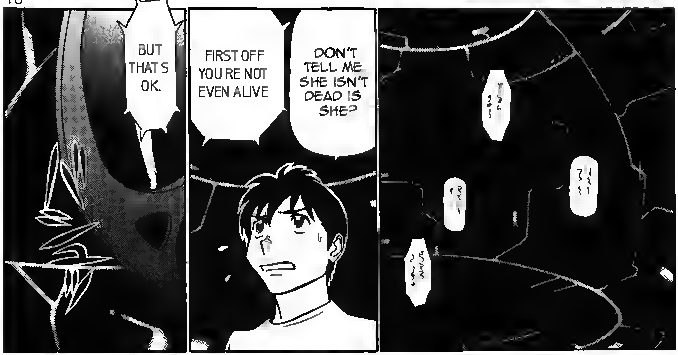
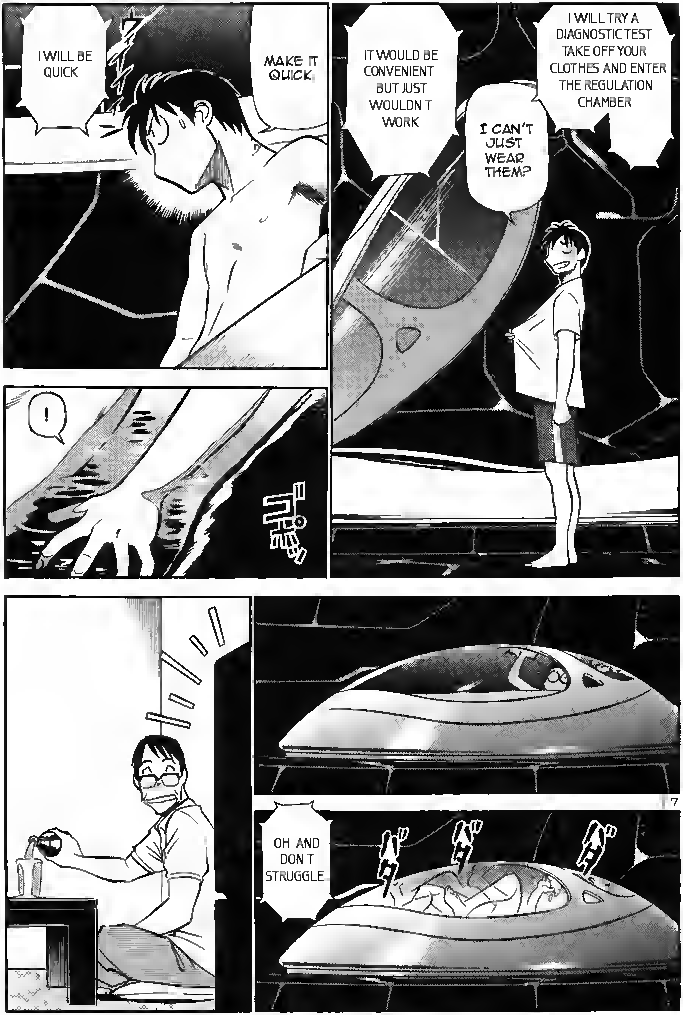

DON'T TELL ME SHE ISN'T DEAD! IS SHE?
FIRST OFF YOU'RE NOT EVEN ALIVE
BUT THAT'S OK.


I WILL BE QUICK
MAKE IT QUICK.
IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT BUT JUST WOULDN T WORK
I WILL TRY A DIAGNOSTIC TEST TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES AND ENTER THE REGULATION CHAMBER
I CAN'T JUST WEAR THEM?
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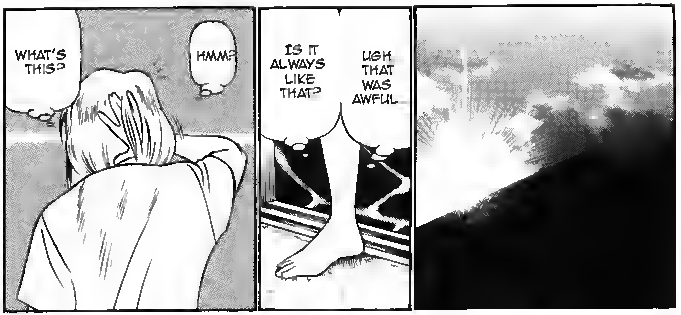
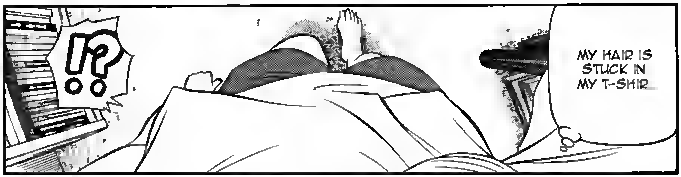
OH AND DON T STRUGGLE


WHAT'S THIS?
HMM?
IS IT ALWAYS LIKE THAT?
UGH. THAT WAS AWFUL.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MY HAIR IS STUCK IN MY T-SHIR

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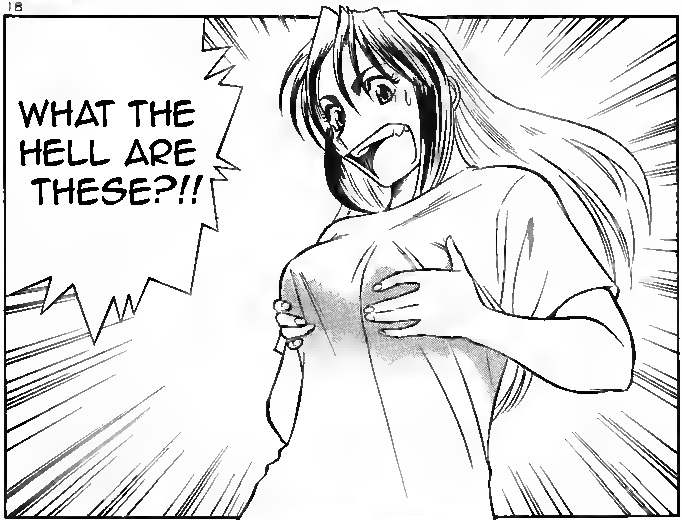
WHAT THE HELL ARE THESE?!!

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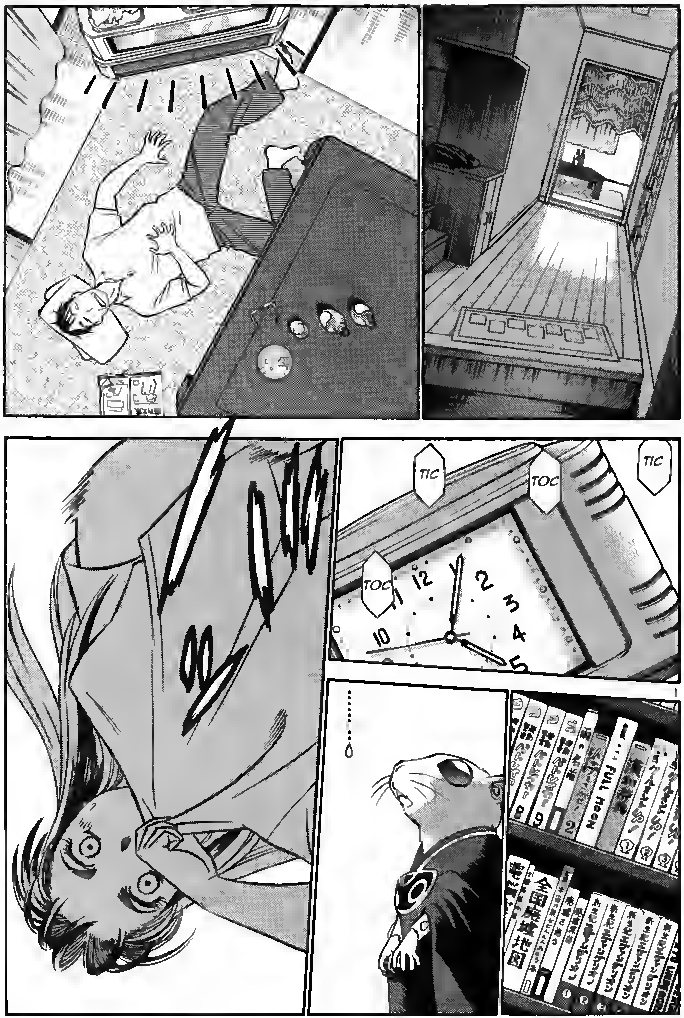

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MEMORIES OF A MARIONETTE #3

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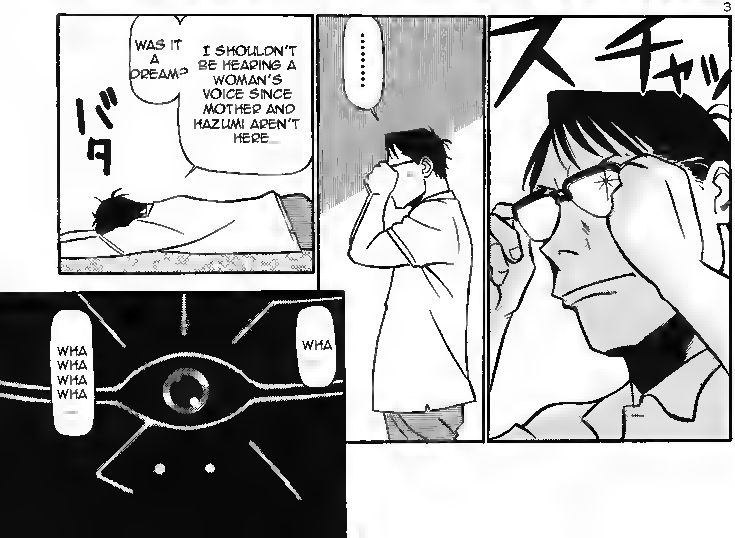
A WO-MAN


WAS IT A DREAM?
I SHOULDN'T BE HEARING A WOMAN'S VOICE SINCE MOTHER AND MAZUMI AREN'T HERE...
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WHA
WHA WHA WHA WHA

WHY AM I IN BIRDY'S BODY?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS?!
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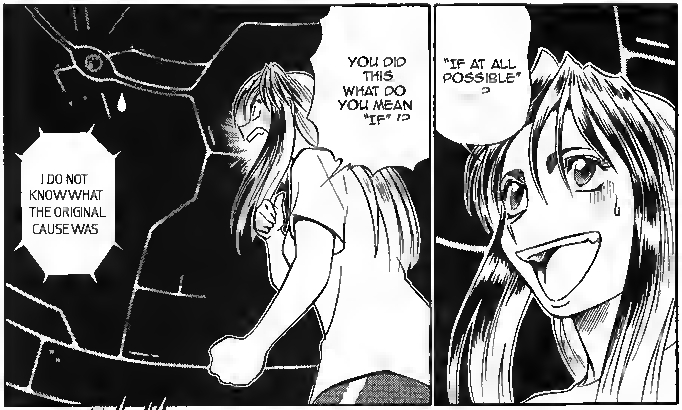
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE I WILL!
CHANGE ME BACK IMMED-IATELY!!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO DOES?
HOW WOULD I KNOW?


I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE ORIGINAL CAUSE WAS
YOU DID THIS WHAT DO YOU MEAN "IF" !?
"IF AT ALL POSSIBLE" ?

ASIDE FROM THAT THE DIAGNOSTIC TEST ON YOUR SEPARATE II
PERHAPS THE PART OF HER BRAIN THAT CONTROLS THE SWITCHING OF YOUR PERSONALITIES WAS DAMAGED.

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PRO-BLEM?
THOUGH I HAVEN'T HAD CONTACT WITH BIRDY YET SO I ASSUME THAT'S THE
I HEARD THE REPORT

HUH?
MR. MEGIUS DON'T YOU GET IT?
HOW IS YOUR HEALTH?
YOU TELL ME
YOU'RE CLOTHES ARE DIFFERENT WHAT HAPPENED?

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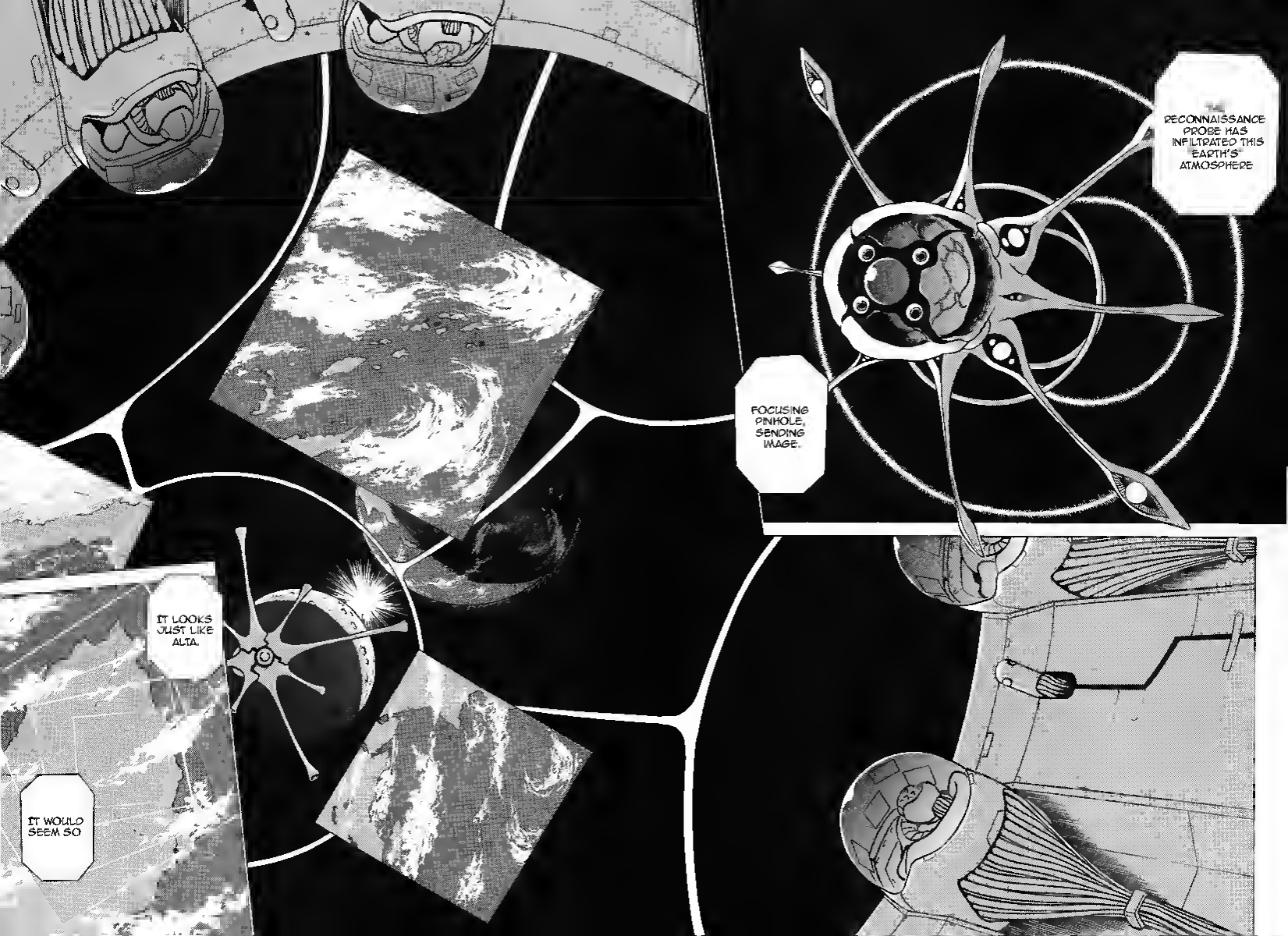
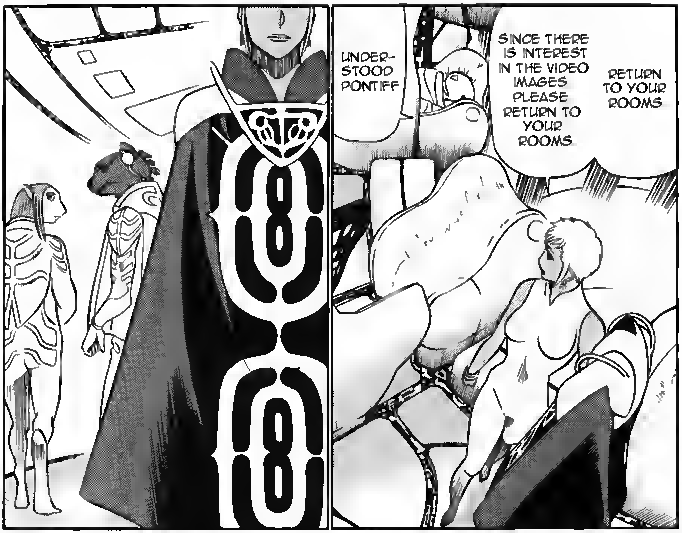

RECONNAISSANCE PROBE HAS INFILTRATED THIS EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE
FOCUSING PINHOLE, SENDING IMAGE.
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE ALTA.
IT WOULD SEEM SO

SUCH A VAST UNIVERSE, TO HAVE A COINCIDENCE SUCH AS THIS
WELL THEN
L-KAZAN IS A COMPARABLE STAR TO THIS ONE
IT ISN'T SURPRISING
VERY SIMILAR ORGANISMS EXIST HERE I THINK THERE ARE PARALLELS IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AS WELL
IT RESEMBLES THE START OF THE GREAT ERA OF SPACE FLIGHT
WE COULD EASILY INVADE
HOW ARE THE INTERCEPTS COMING ALONG?
UNTIL I RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION YOU'LL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION
NO CONTACT WITH CENTRAL YET?
NOTHING YET


UNDERSTOOD PONTIFF
SINCE THERE IS INTEREST IN THE VIDEO IMAGES PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR ROOMS
RETURN TO YOUR ROOMS

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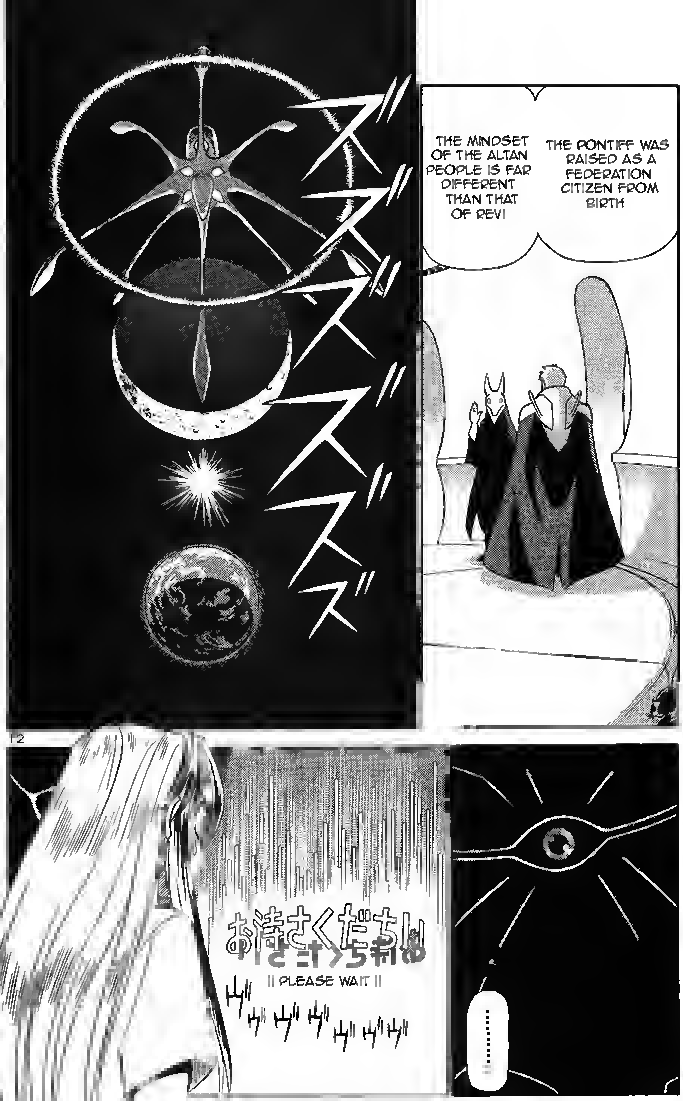
CHRISTELLA REVI IS INTELLIGENT AND WELL EDUCATED AS WELL
NOW, NOW
THE FACT IS, SHE'S INTELLIGENT AND WELL EDUCATED
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH IT?
YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH THE RANK EXAMINATIONS, IT'S INEVITABLE
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY I STILL GET AN UNEASY FEELING AROUND THE ALTANS HERE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THE MINDSET OF THE ALTAN PEOPLE IS FAR DIFFERENT THAN THAT OF REV!
THE PONTIFF WAS RAISED AS A FEDERATION CITIZEN FROM BIRTH
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PLEASE WAIT
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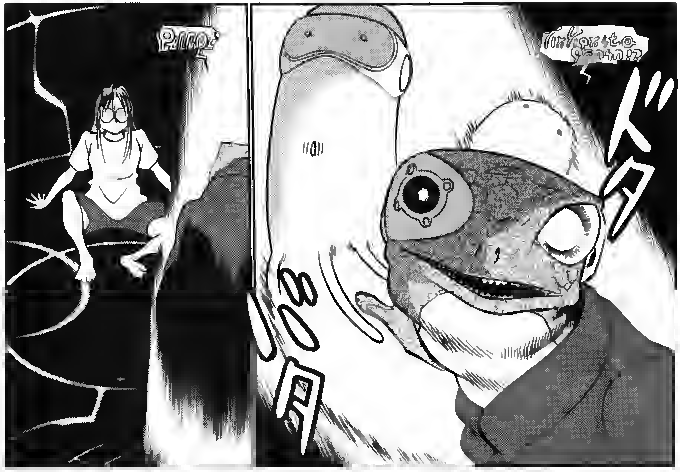
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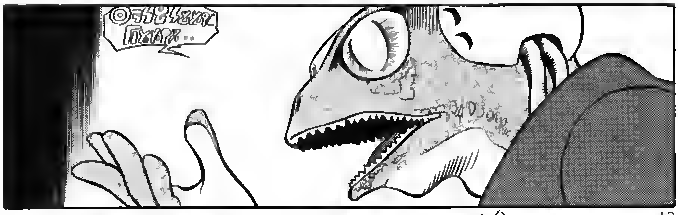

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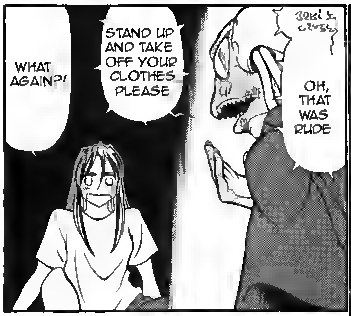
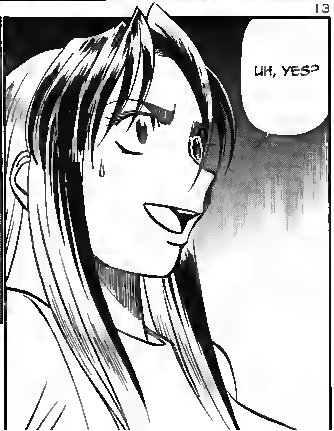

WHAT AGAIN?!
STAND UP AND TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES PLEASE
OH, THAT WAS RUDE


UH, YES?

LET'S SEE NOW
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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HMM
MOVE YOUR HANDS. I CAN'T MAKE MY OBSERVATIONS
UHH
AHH MUCH BETTER
YOU KNOW I'M NOT REALLY ONE TO BE SHY

OH THAT IS SMALL
YET IT SEEMS
TURN AROUND PLEASE
THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT!?
TSUTOMU SENKAWA IS QUITE DIFFERENT
WHA, WHAT DID YOU FIGURE OUT?!
HMM, I SEE NOW
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FOR NOW
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UNTIL THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED, CAN YOU MAINTAIN THIS FORM?
I GUESS I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE
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I'LL HAVE TO GET THE HANG OF THIS
EVEN A TIME LIKE THIS CAN'T SLOW DOWN HER STOMACH
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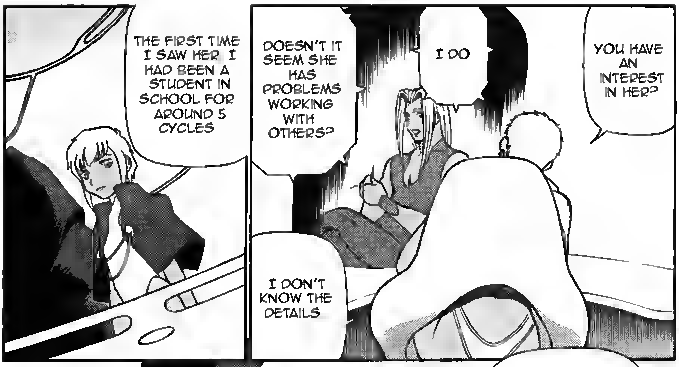
BY THE WAY, NECHLA...
PROBLEMS, KASHU?
YOU SEEM TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH BIRDY CEPHON

AHH.
I AM.
WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS SHE?


THE FIRST TIME I SAW HER I HAD BEEN A STUDENT IN SCHOOL FOR AROUND 5 CYCLES
DOESN'T IT SEEM SHE HAS PROBLEMS WORKING WITH OTHERS?
I DO
YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN HER?
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS

IT SAID SOMETHING THAT SHE WAS WITH A MARIONETTE THAT WAS IN CHARGE OF RAISING HER
BECAUSE IT WAS A SMALL SCHOOL... THE ALTAN STUDENTS STOOD OUT

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MEMORIES OF A MARIONETTE #4

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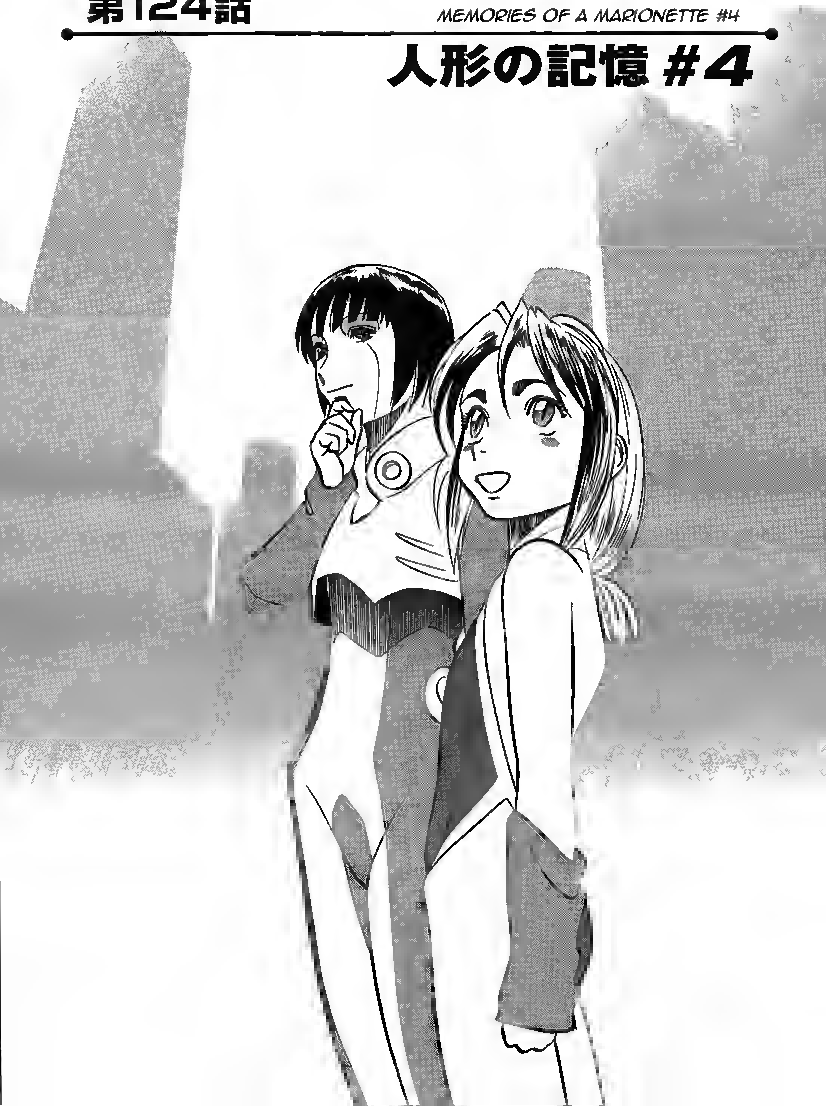
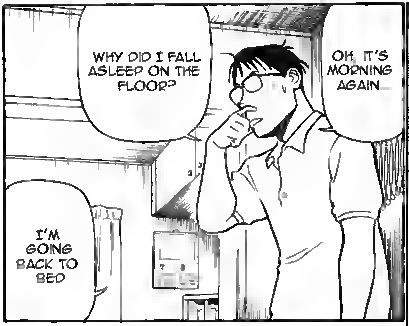
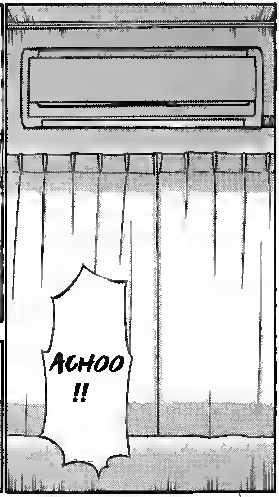



WHY DID I FALL ASLEEP ON THE FLOOR?
OH, IT'S MORNING AGAIN...
I'M GOING BACK TO BED


ACHOO !!

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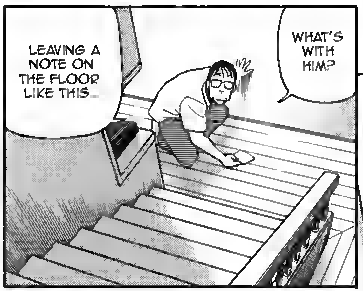
LEAVING A NOTE ON THE FLOOR LIKE THIS...
WHAT'S WITH HIM?

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I WENT OUT
何時に帰るか不明。
I'LL BE BACK LATER
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TSUTOMU

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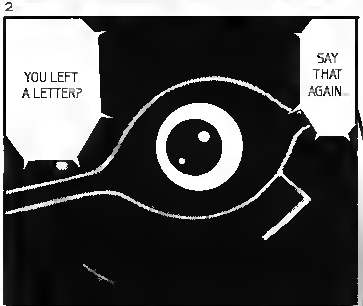
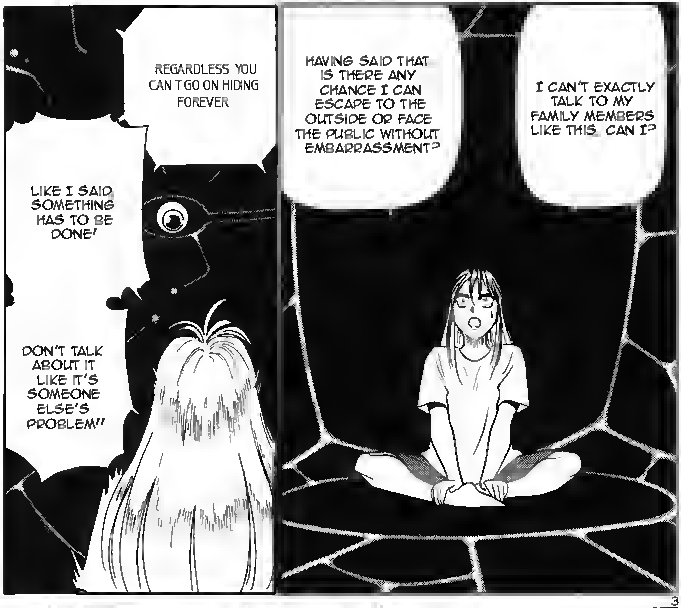
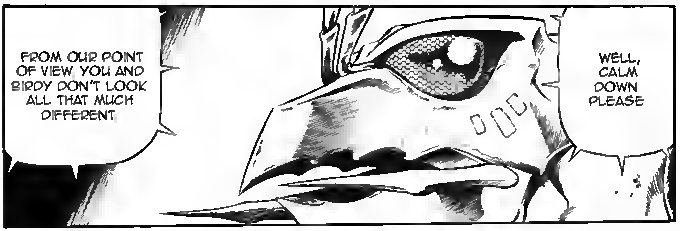

YOU LEFT A LETTER?
SAY THAT AGAIN...


I CAN'T EXACTLY TALK TO MY FAMILY MEMBERS LIKE THIS, CAN I?
HAVING SAID THAT IS THERE ANY CHANCE I CAN ESCAPE TO THE OUTSIDE OR FACE THE PUBLIC WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT?
REGARDLESS YOU CAN'T GO ON HIDING FOREVER
LIKE I SAID, SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE!
DON'T TALK ABOUT IT LIKE IT'S SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM!!

WELL THEN
CAN I ATTEMPT AN EXAMINATION OVER A WHOLE DAY?
THAT IS, IF YOU DON'T MIND
THE REGULATION CHAMBER ??
NO WAY!
I'M NOT DROWNING IN THAT THING AGAIN
IT'S NOT DROWNING
YOU DIDN'T DROWN LAST NIGHT DID YOU?
THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT...

ABOUT THIS!
WHAT ARE YOU STILL ARGUING ABOUT?


FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, YOU AND BIRDY DON'T LOOK ALL THAT MUCH DIFFERENT
WELL, CALM DOWN PLEASE

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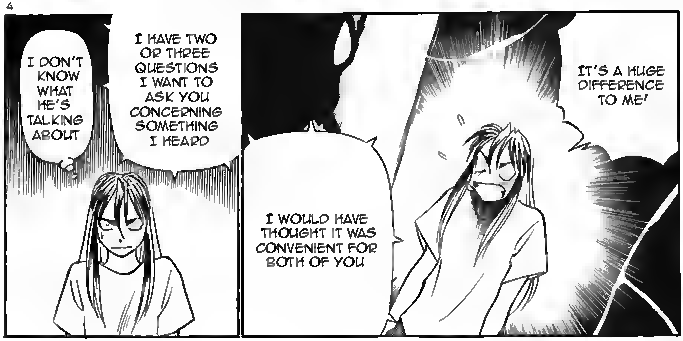
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT
I HAVE TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS I WANT TO ASK YOU CONCERNING SOMETHING I HEARD
I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT WAS CONVENIENT FOR BOTH OF YOU
IT'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO ME!

ACCORDING TO YOUR STORY
THE FIRST ANOMALY OCCURRED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ESCAPING THE SUBMERGED HOSPITAL
BIRDY LOST CONSCIOUSNESS THEN YOU ALSO LOST CONSCIOUSNESS
THAT'S RIGHT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME
HMM
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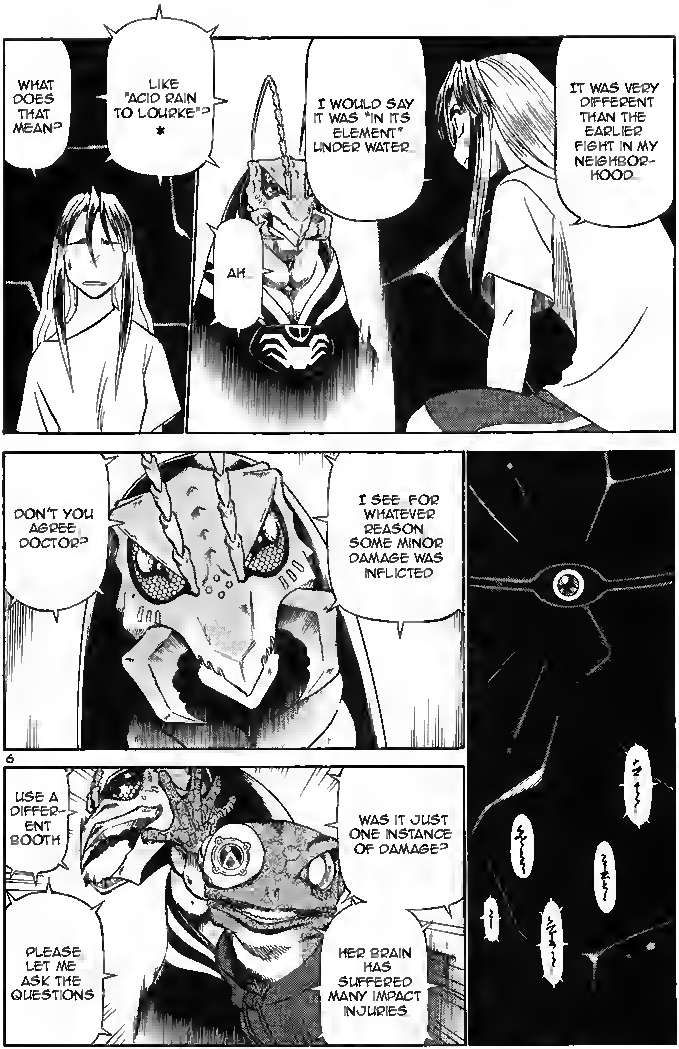
JUST BEFORE THAT THERE WAS A FIGHT WITH A MARIONETTE
AND NOTHING HAPPENED AT THIS POINT?
WELL, IT WAS A BIT OF A HARD STRUGGLE
BECAUSE THE OPPONENT WAS VERY STRONG
YOU SEE


WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
LIKE "ACID RAIN TO LOURKE"? *
I WOULD SAY IT WAS "IN ITS ELEMENT" UNDER WATER.
IT WAS VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE EARLIER FIGHT IN MY NEIGHBOR-HOOD.
AH.
DON'T YOU AGREE DOCTOR?
I SEE. FOR WHATEVER REASON SOME MINOR DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED
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USE A DIFFER-ENT BOOTH
WAS IT JUST ONE INSTANCE OF DAMAGE?
PLEASE LET ME ASK THE QUESTIONS
HER BRAIN HAS SUFFERED MANY IMPACT INJURIES

* AN ALIEN PHRASE MEANT TO BE SIMILAR TO "LIKE A FISH TAKES TO WATER"

UP UNTIL NOW THE BLOWS SHE RECEIVED DIDN'T AFFECT HER ALL THAT MUCH
THIS IS UNUSUAL FOR BIRDY
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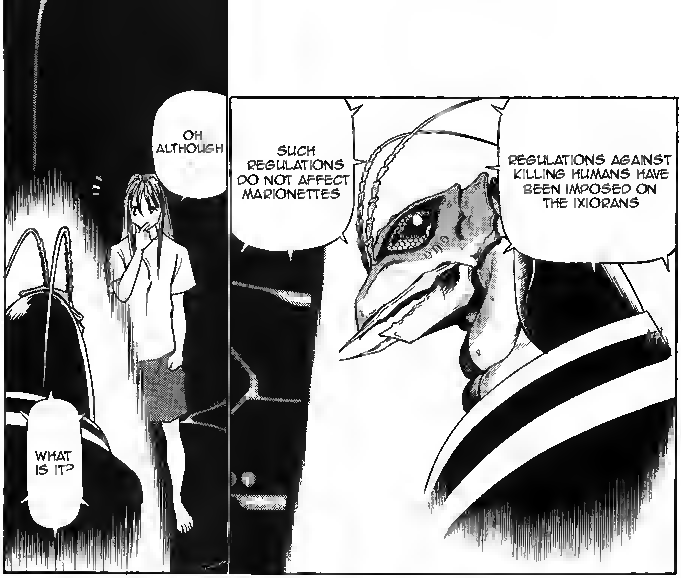
BECAUSE I'M HOLDING HER BACK, ISN'T IT?
IT'S...
BEKI

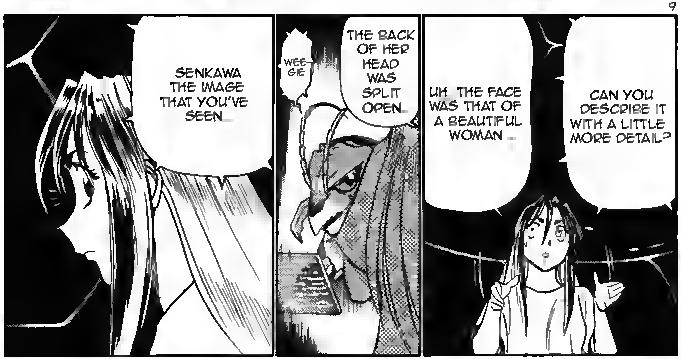
IF THAT WAS THE CASE, HAND TO HAND COMBAT WITH A MARIONETTE OPPONENT SHOULD BE AVOIDED
IT IS TO BE EXPECTED, DOCTOR
BY TOUCH, DO YOU MEAN A FISTFIGHT?
DON'T BE IMPRESSED BY THAT
IN A FIGHT AS A HUMAN
I COULD DIE BY A MERE TOUCH OF A HAND
HOW!?
HOLDING HER BACK!?


REGULATIONS AGAINST KILLING HUMANS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON THE IXIORANS
SUCH REGULATIONS DO NOT AFFECT MARIONETTES
OH ALTHOUGH
WHAT IS IT?

AS DIFFICULT AS THEY ARE TO DAMAGE

LATELY, I'VE HAD THIS IMAGE OF A BROKEN MARIONETTE FLOATING IN MY HEAD...
JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO STRIKE THE FINAL BLOW IT FLASHED BY IN AN INSTANT.
WAIT A MINUTE!
IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR...TSUTOMU SENKAWA'S MIND OBSERVED THIS VISION?
HUH?
THAT'S RIGHT, UNLESS I...

ISN'T THIS IMAGE APPEARING IN BIRDY'S MIND?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THIS IMAGE IS?
IN HERE!?


CAN YOU DESCRIBE IT WITH A LITTLE MORE DETAIL?
UH...THE FACE WAS THAT OF A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN...
THE BACK OF HER HEAD WAS SPLIT OPEN.
WEE-GIE
SENKAWA THE IMAGE THAT YOU'VE SEEN...

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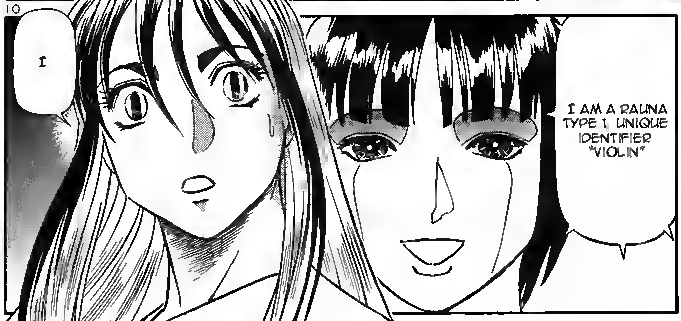

I THINK IT IS THIS PERSON.
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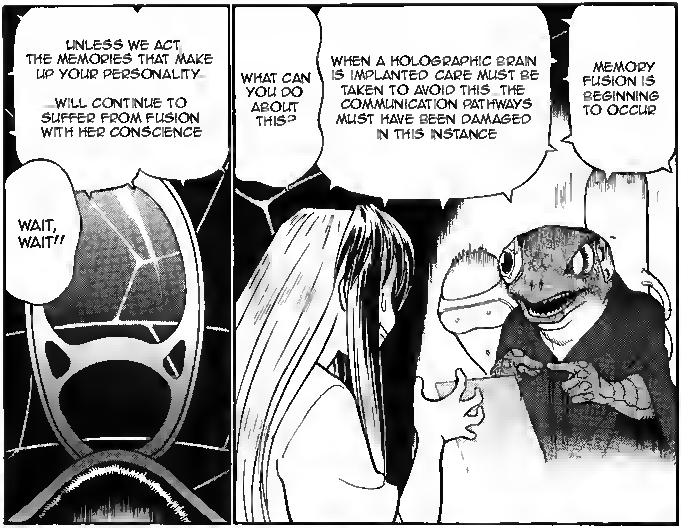
I MEAN WOMAN ?
WHEN I WAS A CHILD SHE TOOK CARE OF ME...
DIDN'T SHE?
WHY DID YOU THINK THAT?
NO. THAT WAS JUST A DREAM WASN'T IT?
RATHER UNPLEASANT
IT'S NOT A GOOD SIGN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


UNLESS WE ACT THE MEMORIES THAT MAKE UP YOUR PERSONALITY
...WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM FUSION WITH HER CONSCIENCE
WAIT, WAIT!!
WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT THIS?
WHEN A HOLOGRAPHIC BRAIN IS IMPLANTED CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO AVOID THIS. THE COMMUNICATION PATHWAYS MUST HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN THIS INSTANCE
MEMORY FUSION IS BEGINNING TO OCCUR

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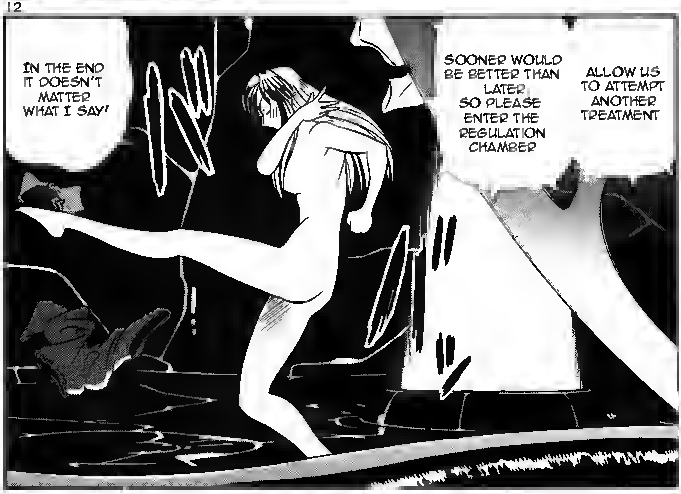
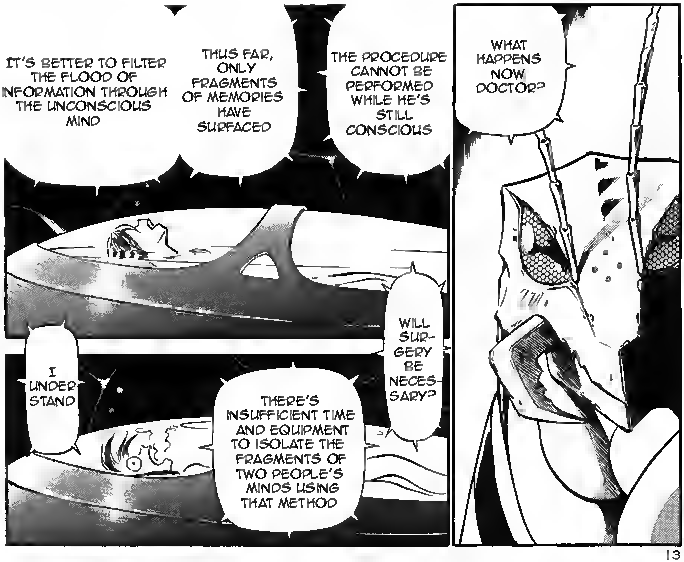

IN THE END IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I SAY!
SOONER WOULD BE BETTER THAN LATER SO PLEASE ENTER THE REGULATION CHAMBER
ALLOW US TO ATTEMPT ANOTHER TREATMENT


IT'S BETTER TO FILTER THE FLOOD OF INFORMATION THROUGH THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND
THUS FAR, ONLY FRAGMENTS OF MEMORIES HAVE SURFACED
THE PROCEDURE CANNOT BE PERFORMED WHILE HE'S STILL CONSCIOUS
WHAT HAPPENS NOW, DOCTOR?
WILL SURGERY BE NECESSARY?
I UNDERSTAND
THERE'S INSUFFICIENT TIME AND EQUIPMENT TO ISOLATE THE FRAGMENTS OF TWO PEOPLE'S MINDS USING THAT METHOD

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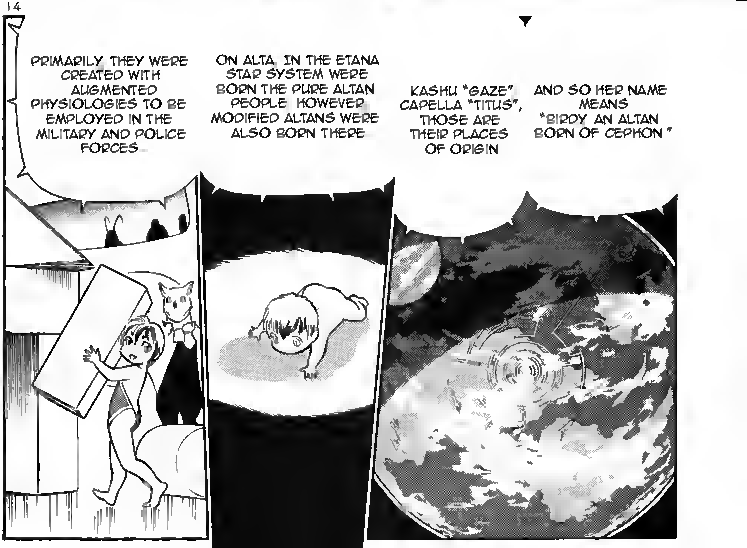
IT'S LONG SO IT'S FINE IF YOU FALL ASLEEP
SENKAWA I HAVE A LITTLE STORY TO TELL YOU

BIRDY CEPHON ALTERA WAS BORN ON CEPHON, A FEDERATION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PLANET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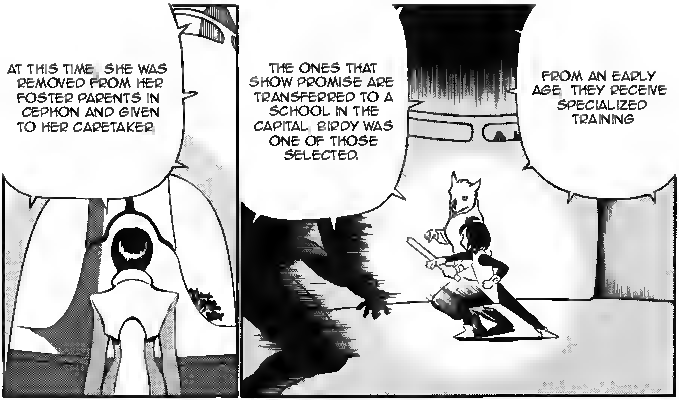
PRIMARILY THEY WERE CREATED WITH AUGMENTED PHYSIOLOGIES TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES
ON ALTA, IN THE ETANA STAR SYSTEM WERE BORN THE PURE ALTAN PEOPLE. HOWEVER, MODIFIED ALTANS WERE ALSO BORN THERE
KASHU "GAZE", CAPELLA "TITUS", THOSE ARE THEIR PLACES OF ORIGIN
AND SO HER NAME MEANS "BIRDY, AN ALTAN BORN OF CEPHON."


AT THIS TIME, SHE WAS REMOVED FROM HER FOSTER PARENTS IN CEPHON AND GIVEN TO HER CARETAKER.
THE ONES THAT SHOW PROMISE ARE TRANSFERRED TO A SCHOOL IN THE CAPITAL. BIRDY WAS ONE OF THOSE SELECTED.
FROM AN EARLY AGE, THEY RECEIVE SPECIALIZED TRAINING

COME ALONG, BIRDY
THAT WAS VIOLIN

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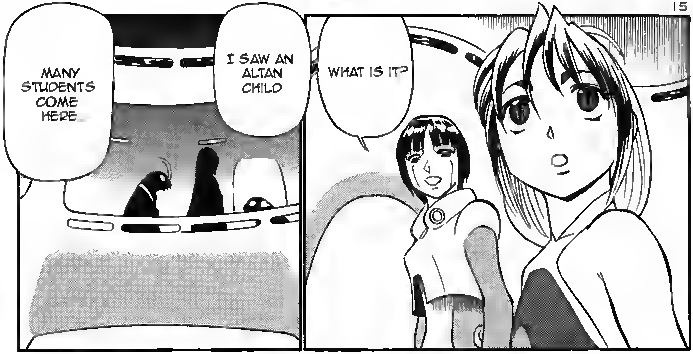
MANY STUDENTS COME HERE.
I SAW AN ALTAN CHILD
WHAT IS IT?

EVEN ALTANS
WHAT, YOU DIDN'T EVEN SAY HELLO?
YOU ARE COLD-HEARTED
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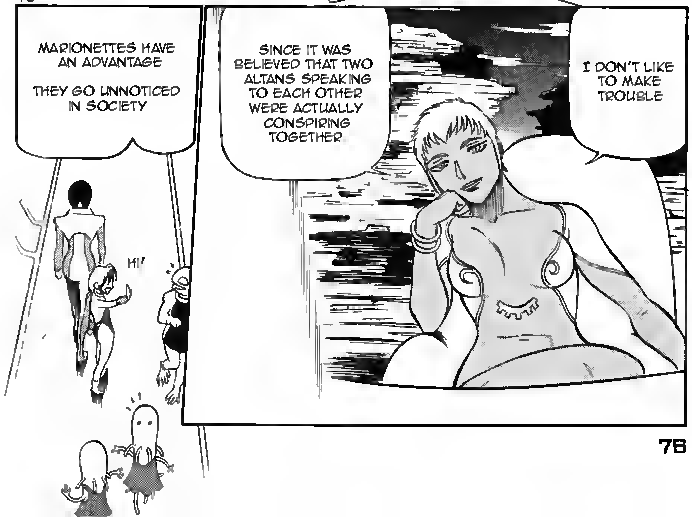
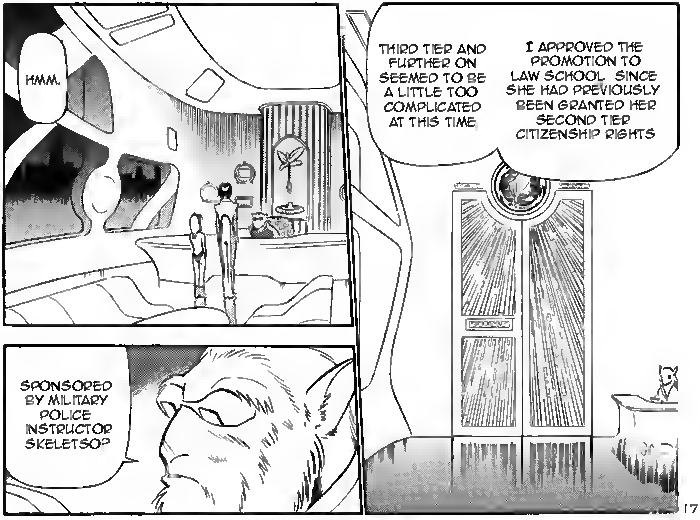

I DON'T LIKE TO MAKE TROUBLE
SINCE IT WAS BELIEVED THAT TWO ALTANS SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER WERE ACTUALLY CONSPIRING TOGETHER
MARIONETTES HAVE AN ADVANTAGE
THEY GO UNNOTICED IN SOCIETY
HI!


HMM.
THIRD TIER AND FURTHER ON SEEMED TO BE A LITTLE TOO COMPLICATED AT THIS TIME.
I APPROVED THE PROMOTION TO LAW SCHOOL SINCE SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN GRANTED HER SECOND TIER CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS
SPONSORED BY MILITARY POLICE INSTRUCTOR SKELETSOP
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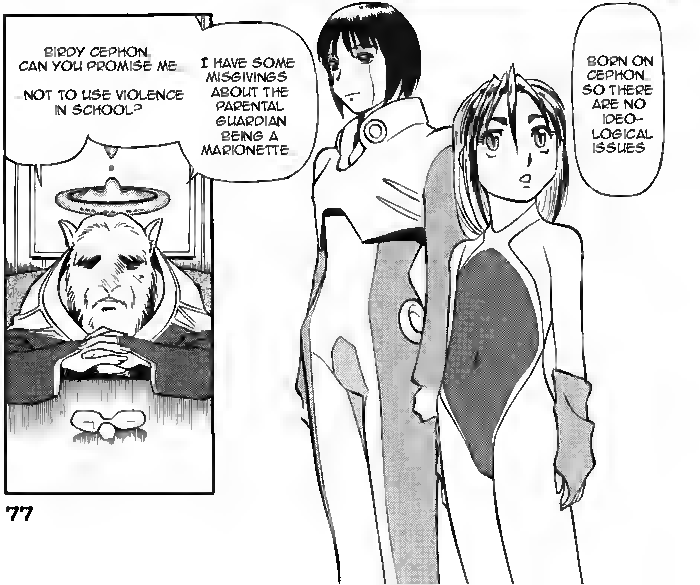
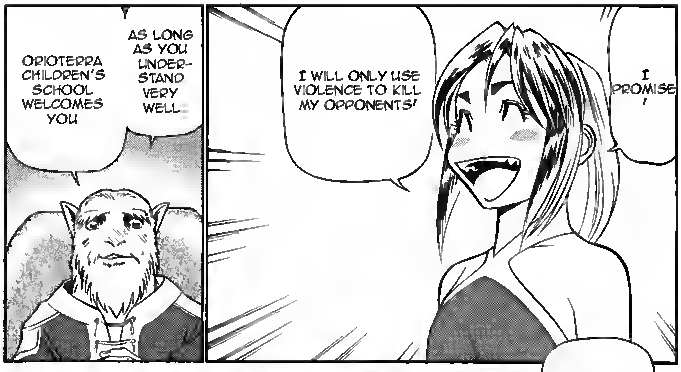

BIRDY CEPHON, CAN YOU PROMISE ME NOT TO USE VIOLENCE IN SCHOOL?
I HAVE SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE PARENTAL GUARDIAN BEING A MARIONETTE
BORN ON CEPHON. SO THERE ARE NO IDEO-LOGICAL ISSUES


OPIOTEPPA CHILDREN'S SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU
AS LONG AS YOU UNDER-STAND VERY WELL...
I WILL ONLY USE VIOLENCE TO KILL MY OPPONENTS!
I PROMISE!

AND THUS SHE EXPERIENCED THE LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL LIFE...
BE DILIGENT IN YOUR STUDIES AND BECOME A RESPECTABLE CITIZEN

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...ALAS...
THE WORLD WAS NOT AS INNOCENT

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THIS IS A RESTRICTED AREA...
POLICE AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ONLY!
YEAH, YOU!
ME?
YES.
EXCUSE ME, SIR!
MEGIUS OF THE FEDERATION POLICE
IN THAT CASE, I'M AUTHORIZED.
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WHOEVER'S IN CHARGE OF THIS CROWD PLEASE DISPERSE!
GATHERINGS ARE FORBIDDEN HERE

THERE AREN'T ENOUGH OF THEM
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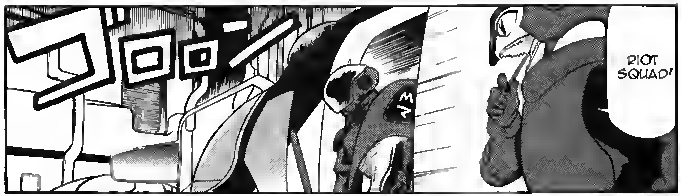
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RIOT SQUAD!

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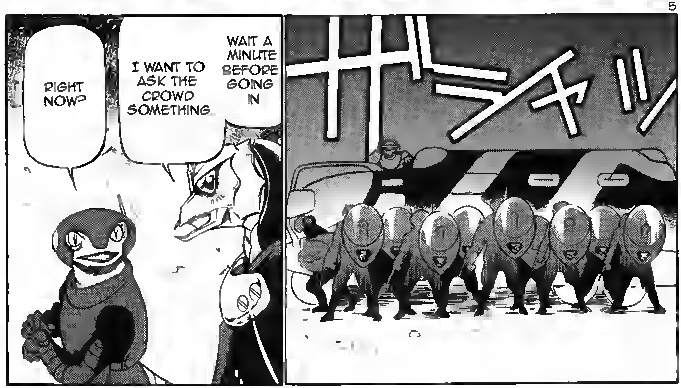
RIGHT NOW?
I WANT TO ASK THE CROWD SOMETHING
WAIT A MINUTE BEFORE GOING IN
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THE SITUATION IS, WE FOLLOWED A SUSPECT HERE WHO SLIPPED INTO THE CROWD
IF POSS-IBLE...
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THANKS TO THESE STUPID ALTANS, IT WILL JUST SAVE US THE TIME AND TROUBLE OF REDEVELOPING THE DISTRICT
ONLY IN THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD
GOOO! THEY'VE SHOWN THEIR HAND OVER THERE
ARE THEY THROWING PIECES OF THE ROAD AT US?
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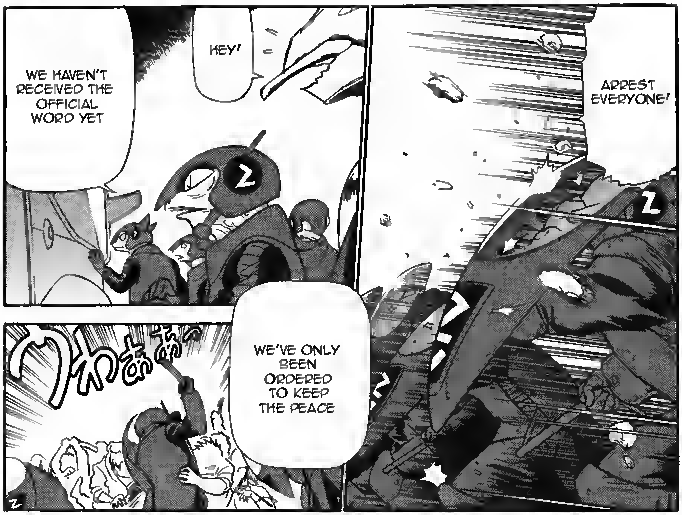
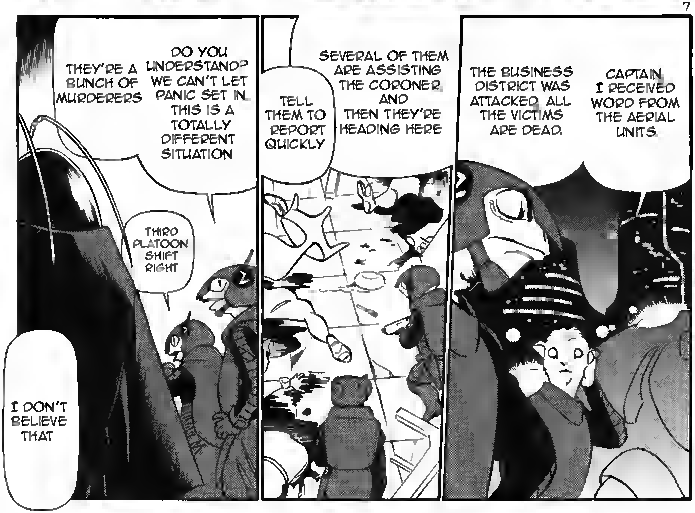

HEY!
WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE OFFICIAL WORD YET
ARREST EVERYONE!
WE'VE ONLY BEEN ORDERED TO KEEP THE PEACE


CAPTAIN, I RECEIVED WORD FROM THE AERIAL UNITS.
THE BUSINESS DISTRICT WAS ATTACKED. ALL THE VICTIMS ARE DEAD.
SEVERAL OF THEM ARE ASSISTING THE CORONER, AND THEN THEY'RE HEADING HERE
TELL THEM TO REPORT QUICKLY
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? WE CAN'T LET PANIC SET IN. THIS IS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT SITUATION
THEY'RE A BUNCH OF MURDERERS
THIRD PLATOON, SHIFT RIGHT
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT

BEFORE THIS CROWD CAME HERE, I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THEY WERE SUFFERING FROM APATHY...
PERHAPS. BUT MAYBE SOMEONE INSTIGATED EVERYONE TO RIOT
HELP

JUST LIKE AN ALTAN...
SUCH SAVAGERY EXISTS BECAUSE OF YOUR RACE
AH WELL...
DOES IT NOW?

THIRD DISTRICT SUPPRESSION COMPLETED
ALL AVAILABLE UNITS, SWEEP TOWARDS THE CANAL...

THE METROPOLITAN POLICE FORCE BROUGHT IN THREE BATTALIONS TO QUELL THE VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
LAST NIGHT, RIOTING ALTAN RESIDENTS EXPANDED THE SCALE OF THE ATTACKS ON THE PUBLIC REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATE OFFICE..
A TOTAL OF 21 PEOPLE DIED IN 3 SEPARATE INCIDENTS FROM THE MOB. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REPORT THE LARGEST NUMBER OF FIRES WERE ALSO ATTRIBUTED BY..
'MORNIN, VIOLIN.
SWITCH TO CHANNEL 5
MAGUROMARU AND ROSE KNOW ME
OFFICIALS IN THE..
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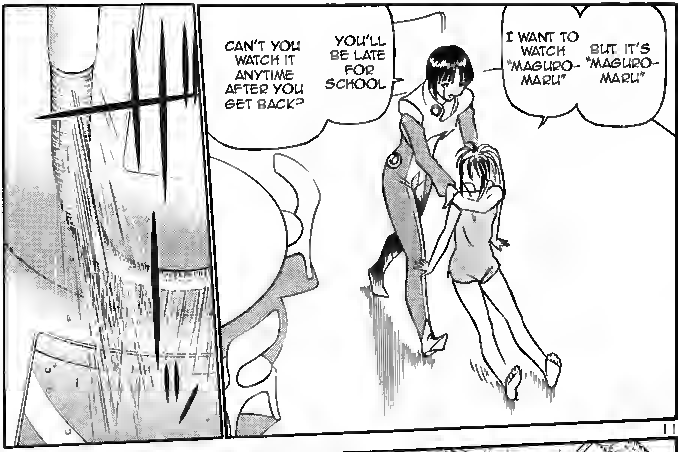
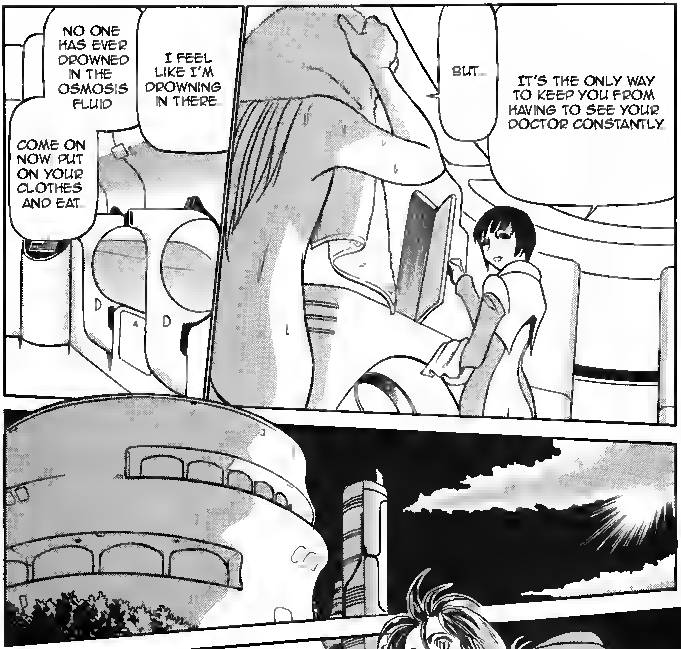
BREAKFAST IS READY
BEFORE THAT, YOU SHOULD TAKE A SHOWER
GOOD MORNING, BIRDY
TA!

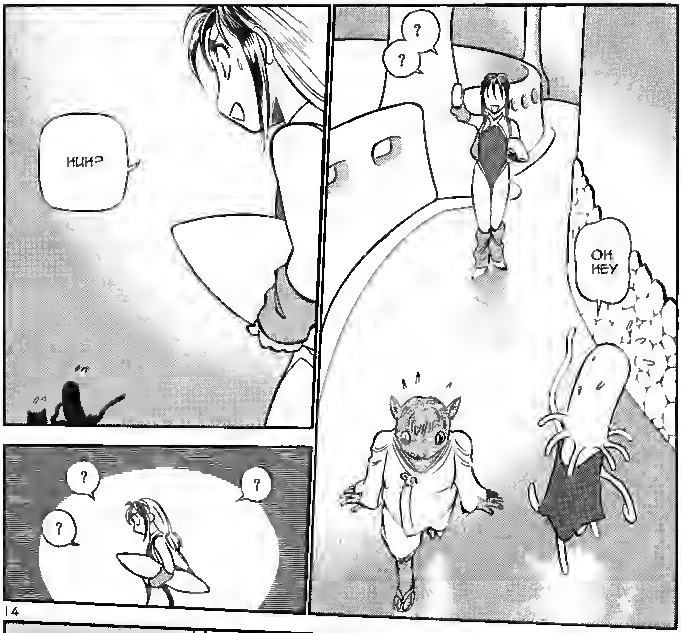

I WANT TO WATCH "MAGURO-MARU"
BUT IT'S "MAGURO-MARU"
YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL
CAN'T YOU WATCH IT ANYTIME AFTER YOU GET BACK?

REGULATION CHAMBER TIME TONIGHT
AWWW!!
I HATE IT IN THERE
IT'S FOR YOUR BODY


NO ONE HAS EVER DROWNED IN THE OSMOSIS FLUID
I FEEL LIKE I'M DROWNING IN THERE...
BUT...
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP YOU FROM HAVING TO SEE YOUR DOCTOR CONSTANTLY.
COME ON NOW, PUT ON YOUR CLOTHES AND EAT.

YA HAH!

GOOD MORNING!



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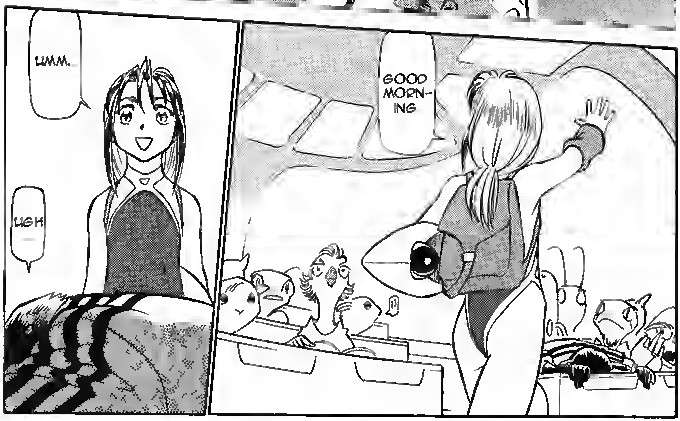
UMM.
UGH
GOOD MORNING

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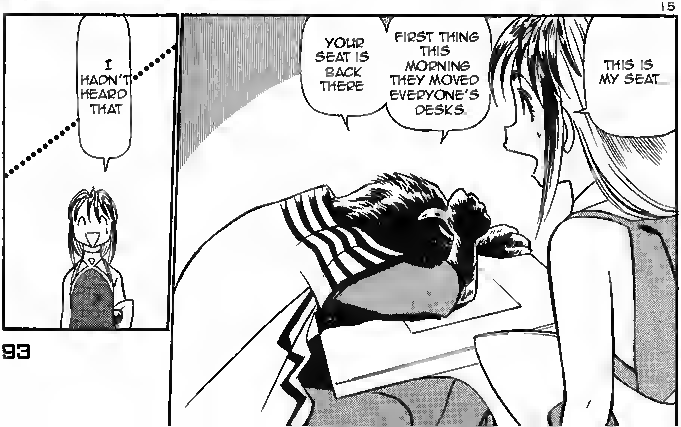
I HADN'T HEARD THAT
YOUR SEAT IS BACK THERE
FIRST THING THIS MORNING THEY MOVED EVERYONE'S DESKS.
THIS IS MY SEAT

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THIS BOARD?
THIS IS NO PLACE TO PLAY AROUND
THE FRONT SEATS ARE TOO GOOD FOR ALTANS
EVERYONE KNOWS SAVAGES ARE USUALLY FASTER ON THEIR FEET
THAT'S STUPID
IT'S FASTER THAN JUST RUNNING I GUESS I WAS JUST WONDERING WHY
YEAH I WAS GOING TO BE LATE
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MY DESK IS BACK THERE RIGHT?

ISN'T THAT PROOF THAT YOU'RE DUMB?
DO YOU ALWAYS TRIP OVER YOUR OWN FEET?
OH SORRY
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YOU'LL REGRET SAYING THAT...
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KUPEDO MAGGUFU!
TEACHER!
WHAT'S ALL THIS NOISE?
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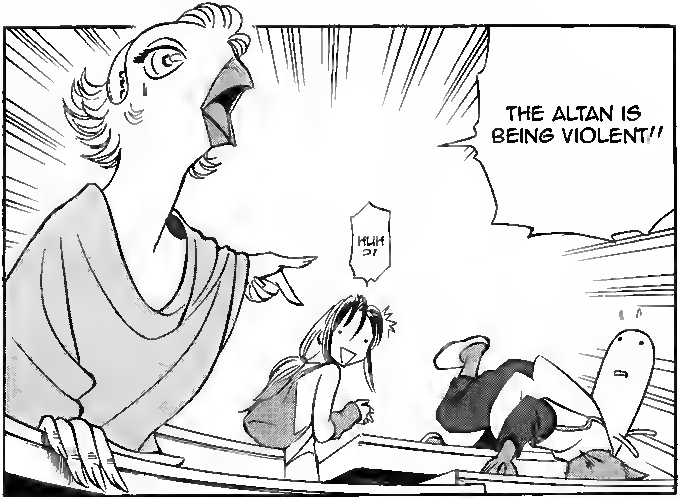
THE ALTAN IS BEING VIOLENT!!
HUH ?!

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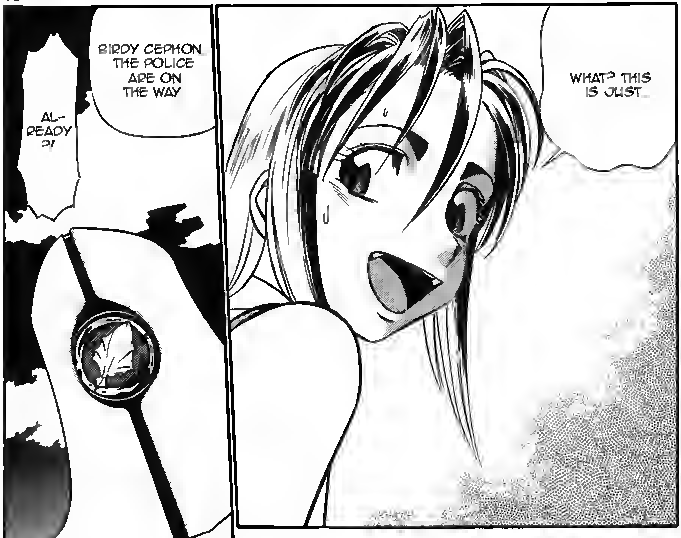
BIRDY CEPHON THE POLICE ARE ON THE WAY
AL-READY ?!
WHAT? THIS IS JUST...

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BIRDY CEPHON
WHAT DID YOU TELL ME?
YES HEAD-MAS-TER!
I WILL NOT USE VIOLENCE ON ANYONE!
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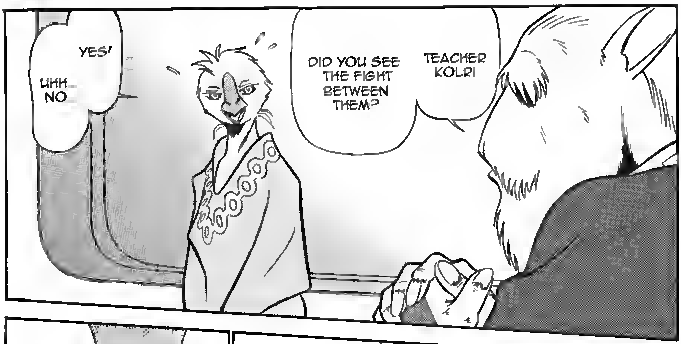
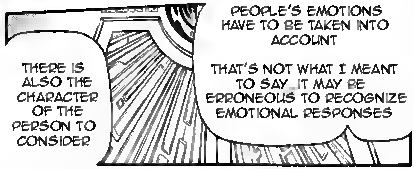
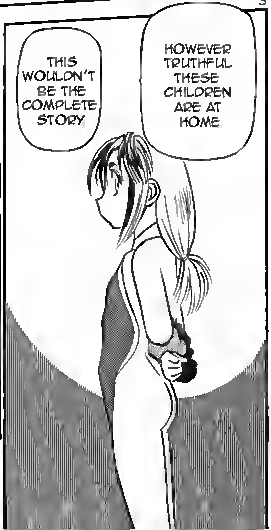
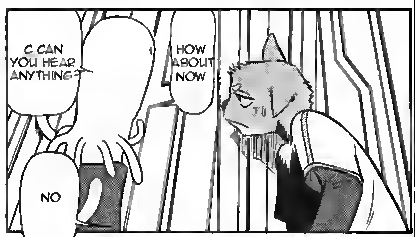
HMM.


YES!
UHH... NO
DID YOU SEE THE FIGHT BETWEEN THEM?
TEACHER KOLRI

I WOULD HEAR BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY
THAT'S NO GOOD
KRED AND MILN'S WORD FOR IT
I TOOK


THERE IS ALSO THE CHARACTER OF THE PERSON TO CONSIDER
PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT TO SAY...IT MAY BE ERRONEOUS TO RECOGNIZE EMOTIONAL RESPONSES


THIS WOULDN'T BE THE COMPLETE STORY
HOWEVER TRUTHFUL THESE CHILDREN ARE AT HOME


C CAN YOU HEAR ANYTHING?
NO
HOW ABOUT NOW

A LITTLE MORE. WHY CAN'T YOU SPEAK ANY LOUDER?
I HOPE I ROLLED THOSE BANDAGES ON RIGHT. KRED
HE'S NOT PUNISHING HER?
BUT TEACHER KOLRI SEEMS TO HAVE SOMETHING OF AN EXPLANATION.
SHE'S CRAZY STRONG
WELL. IT REALLY DID HURT
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OH MRS. BAGAU, UH...
WHAT ARE YOU KIDS DOING HERE?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN CLASS?
NOT EVEN BREAKING A BONE. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT IF I WERE YOU
I'M GUESSING SHE WAS HOLDING BACK

THE POLICE
HEADMASTER, YOU CALLED THEM !?
AHH LET'S BEGIN...
THE POLICE!?
HEADMASTER, THE POLICE OFFICER IS HERE TO SEE YOU
NOW NOW TEACHER KOLP! I CALLED GIVEN THE ABSENCE OF
THE POLICE?
WHAT ELSE DO YOU INTEND TO...?
PLEASE ENTER
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WAH!
KRED !?
WHA BIRDY!! THE POLICE ARE HERE!!
HE CAME TO ARREST YOU SINCE YOU WERE VIOLENT!
DIDN'T HE!?

AH WELL
YOU SAID THERE WAS A VIOLENT INCIDENT IF SO, THAT'S BEEN GOING AROUND A LOT LATELY
KRED GAMHOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEWS!?
HUH!?
NO, I HAVEN'T!

OH! I DON'T MIND
IS IT ALRIGHT IF WE TAKE A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME, MR. MEBIUS?
HMM.
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THANK YOU SO MUCH
THAT WAS MY INTENTION FROM THE BEGINNING
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SHOW ME
IS THAT THE HAND THAT BIRDY CEPHON INJURED?
HUH !?
KRED GAHKHOW
I WANTED TO HEAR YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY
WELL NOW LET'S BEGIN
REALLY.
WELL, IT'S NOT THAT HURT...
KRED
IT APPEARS THAT SOMEONE WITH LITTLE MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE HAS TREATED IT
9
IXIO-RAN!
HAVING YOUR HAND CRUSHED BY AN IXIORAN IS NOT A MINOR INJURY
SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE DAY, YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN A DOCTOR
IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT WAS WORTH MENTIONING
MY APOLOGIES FOR BEING LATE!

I'M HER CARETAKER, VIOLIN!
IS IT TRUE THAT BIDDY HURT ONE OF HER FRIENDS!?
YES.
VIOLIN! WHO CALLED YOU!?
THE HEADMASTER TOLD ME!
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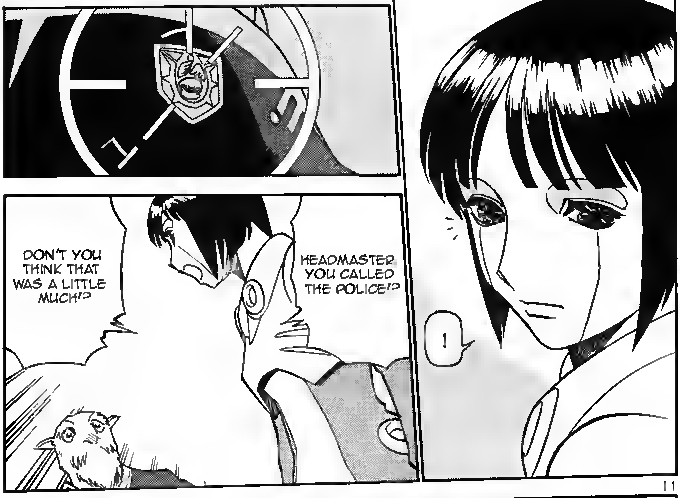
A MARIONETTE.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE SEEN A PALINA TYPE 1.
A MARIONETTE POSING AS A CHILD'S CARETAKER?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HEADMASTER YOU CALLED THE POLICE!?
DON'T YOU THINK THAT WAS A LITTLE MUCH!?

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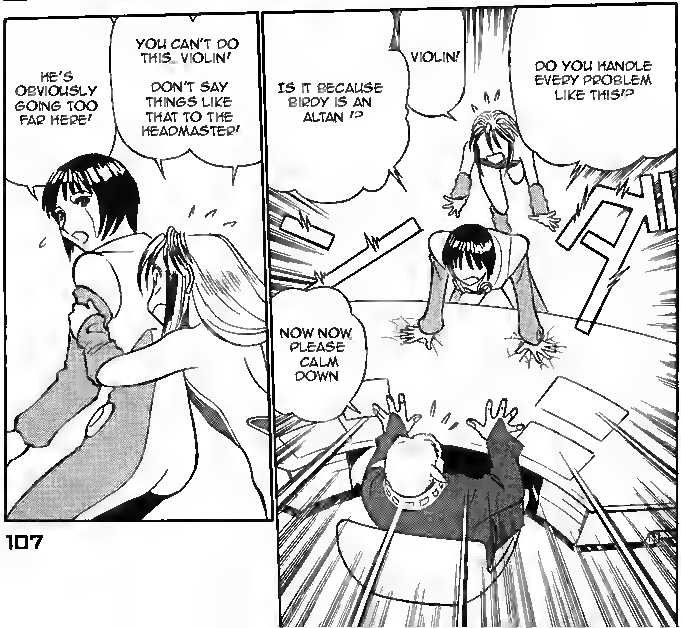
DO YOU HANDLE EVERY PROBLEM LIKE THIS!?
VIOLIN!
IS IT BECAUSE BIRDY IS AN ALTAN !?
NOW NOW PLEASE CALM DOWN
YOU CAN'T DO THIS, VIOLIN!
DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT TO THE HEADMASTER!
HE'S OBVIOUSLY GOING TOO FAR HERE!

SINCE THE DUTY OF REARING CHILDREN WAS ASSIGNED TO ME...
ACTING IN THEIR BEST INTEREST IS RECOGNIZED AS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A CARETAKER.
WHOA!
BEING A MARIONETTE, DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD BE SHOUTING DOWN OTHERS?
YOU'RE THE ONE GOING OVER-BOARD
I DON'T THINK THAT GETTING THE POLICE INVOLVED IS A BALANCED APPROACH
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS A SMALL MATTER FOR A TEACHER TO ADMONISH THEM.
AS FAR AS I KNOW THIS IS THE CASE IN AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN CHILDREN
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BIRDY CEPHON IS A MODIFIED ALTAN... AN IXIORAN!
BUT... THERE'S JUST ONE THING
ABOVE ALL, BIRDY MUST HAVE HER RIGHTS REPRESENTED!
I DO

SHE CANNOT USE THAT POWER CARELESSLY
EVEN GOOD CHILDREN FIGHT
THA THAT'S RIGHT!
ESPECIALLY IF IT'S AN IXIORAN!
THIS STILL HURTS!"
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SO YOU SAID
BIRDY CEPHON. YOU NEED TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS
PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR NATURAL BEHAVIOR
TO OTHERS CAN BE CONSIDERED VIOLENCE
I CALLED YOU IN AS HER CARE-TAKER,
KEEP IN MIND I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ON A REGULAR BASIS

HUH!?
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
EVEN NOW, DOESN'T IT SEEM SHE HAS AT LEAST SOME SELF CONTROL?
CONTROLLING HER USE OF FORCE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DRILLED INTO HER FROM THE BEGINNING WHEN SHE WAS ON CEPHON
IT SHOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT

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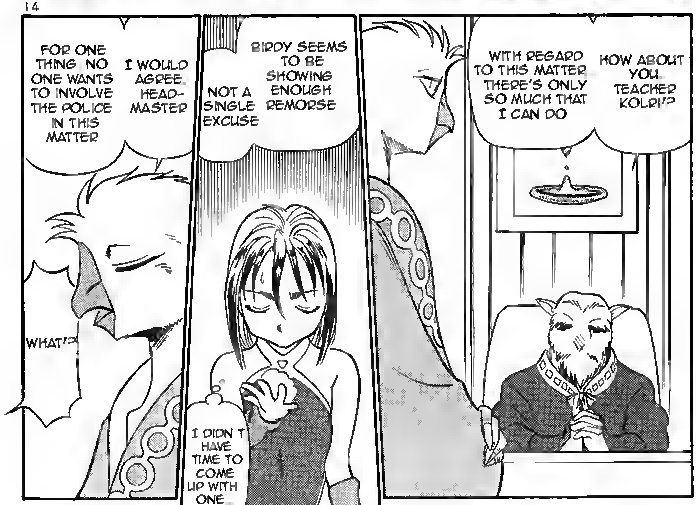
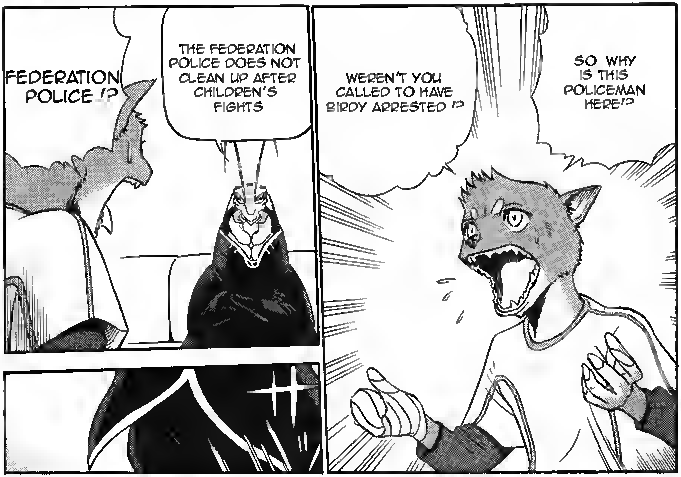

FOR ONE THING NO ONE WANTS TO INVOLVE THE POLICE IN THIS MATTER
I WOULD AGREE, HEAD-MASTER
WHAT!?
RIDDY SEEMS TO BE SHOWING ENOUGH REMORSE
NOT A SINGLE EXCUSE
I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO COME UP WITH ONE...
WITH REGARD TO THIS MATTER THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH THAT I CAN DO
HOW ABOUT YOU, TEACHER KOLDI!?


FEDERATION POLICE !?
THE FEDERATION POLICE DOES NOT CLEAN UP AFTER CHILDREN'S FIGHTS
WEREN'T YOU CALLED TO HAVE BIRDY ARRESTED !?
SO WHY IS THIS POLICEMAN HERE!?

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THIS MEETING YIELDED MUCH INFORMATION
I SAW WHAT I NEEDED TO SEE
I SEE .SO,
I WAS GOING TO WAIT FOR A BREAK
YOU DON'T WANT TO CONTINUE?
IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME NOW HEADMASTER

HIS FACIAL EXPRESSIONS TOLD US MOST OF IT
AND THE BANDAGES. HAVE THEM OFF BY THE END OF THE DAY
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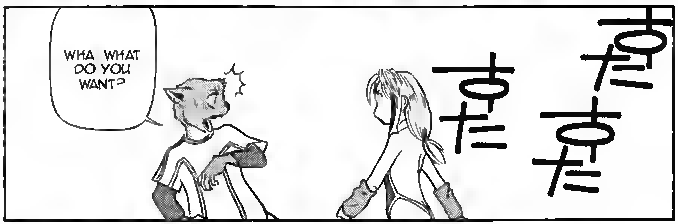
AREN'T YOU GOING TO LISTEN TO KRED'S SIDE OF THE STORY?
BIRDY AND KRED PLEASE RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM.
LET'S FINISH OUR TALK HERE SHALL WE?


WHA. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
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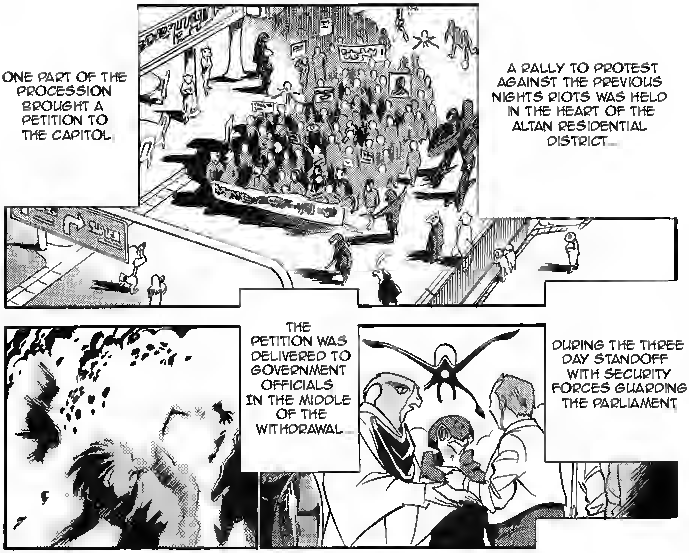
WHY SHOULD I APOLOGIZE?
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
BUT KRED SHOULD ALSO APOLOGIZE.
I APOLOGIZE FOR HURTING HIM.

YOU WEREN'T CAREFUL
APOLOGIZE FOR AN ACCIDENT?
THA...THAT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT!
FOR TRIPPING ME
KRED

BIRDY,
APOLOGIES HAVE NO MEANING IF THEY ARE COERCED.
GRRR RRRR...
I'M GOING BACK TO CLASS BEFORE YOU DO!
JOD
HMM...
THAT SAME DAY
I WONDER WHAT HE REALLY CAME FOR?


ONE PART OF THE PROCESSION BROUGHT A PETITION TO THE CAPITOL
A RALLY TO PROTEST AGAINST THE PREVIOUS NIGHTS RIOTS WAS HELD IN THE HEART OF THE ALTAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT...
THE PETITION WAS DELIVERED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WITHDRAWAL...
DURING THE THREE DAY STANDOFF WITH SECURITY FORCES GUARDING THE PARLIAMENT

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A BOMB EXPLODED ON A STREET CORNER IN THE SHOPPING DISTRICT
BECAUSE OF THIS THE ALTANS OF THE CAPITOL CITY WOULD BECOME CRITICALLY ISOLATED

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IT'S RAINING A LOT LATELY
UNSEASONABLY WET FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR
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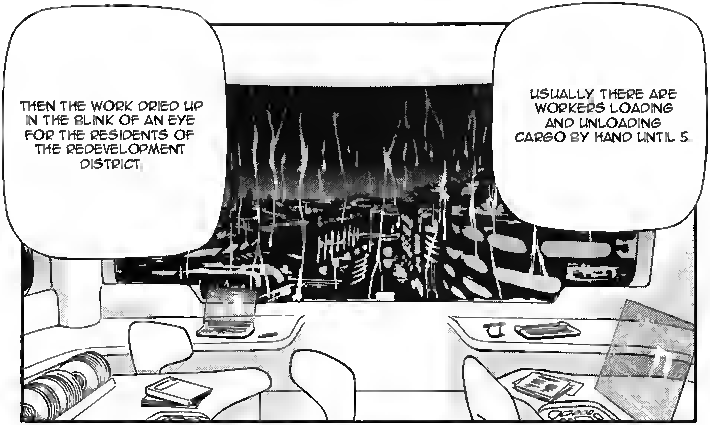
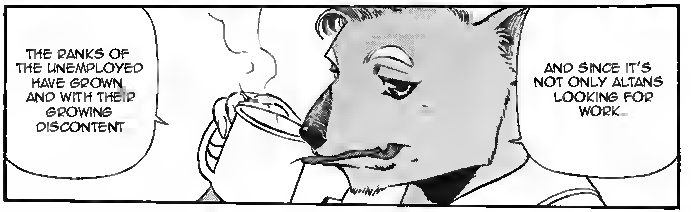
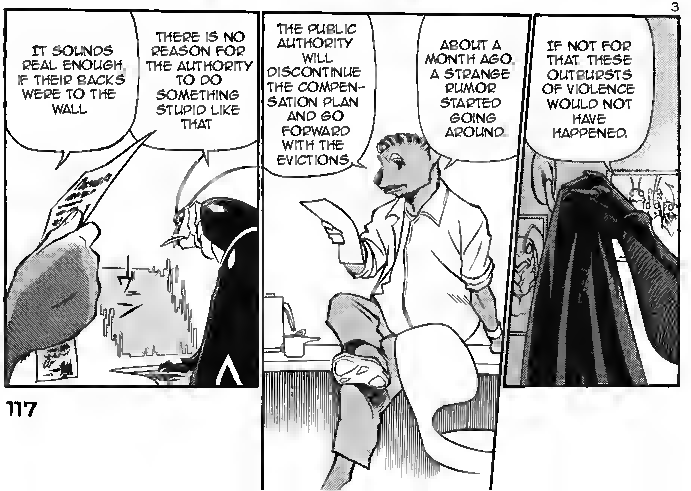
WASN'T THERE ALSO A LOT OF RAIN IN THE EARLY SPRING?
THAT WILL LEAD TO A POOR HARVEST FOR THE CAPITOL
FEDERATION POLICE HEADQUARTERS


THEN THE WORK DRIED UP IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.
USUALLY THERE ARE WORKERS LOADING AND UNLOADING CARGO BY HAND UNTIL 5.


THE RANKS OF THE UNEMPLOYED HAVE GROWN AND WITH THEIR GROWING DISCONTENT
AND SINCE IT'S NOT ONLY ALTANS LOOKING FOR WORK...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IT SOUNDS REAL ENOUGH, IF THEIR BACKS WERE TO THE WALL.
THERE IS NO REASON FOR THE AUTHORITY TO DO SOMETHING STUPID LIKE THAT.
THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY WILL DISCONTINUE THE COMPENSATION PLAN AND GO FORWARD WITH THE EVICTIONS.
ABOUT A MONTH AGO, A STRANGE RUMOR STARTED GOING AROUND.
IF NOT FOR THAT, THESE OUTBURSTS OF VIOLENCE WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

WHAT TOOK SO LONG FOR THAT TO COME OUT?
IT'S THE METRO-POLITAN POLICE...
DAMN
THERE WAS SOMETHING JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSION. THIS GUY WAS IN AND OUT OF THE SCENE AS IF ON CUE
DID THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD STREET CAMERAS CATCH ANYTHING?
WHAT ABOUT THE BOMBING?
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CHIEF MEGIUS
DO YOU KNOW THE HEADMASTER OF THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL?
BUT THE METRO POLICE WANT TO HANDLE IT ALL ON THEIR OWN
YOU'D THINK THAT THEY WOULD SHARE THIS KIND OF INFORMATION
HE WAS CARRYING SOME-THING

A MESSAGE CAME IN
IT'S FROM CEPHON MILITARY POLICE INSTRUCTOR SKELETSO GA-DAEL
OH... PUT IT THROUGH
WHOA! HE'S REALLY ANGRY NOW!
WHA!? WHAT'S ALL THIS NOISE!?
IT'S THE INSPECTOR OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UPSTAIRS!

5TH FLOOR
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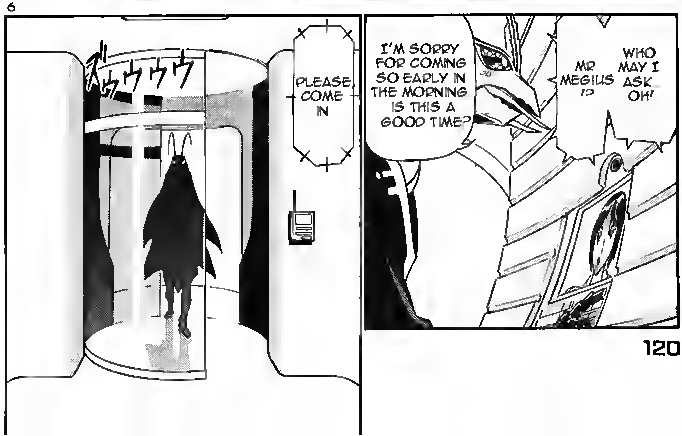
PLEASE COME IN
I'M SORRY FOR COMING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING IS THIS A GOOD TIME?
MR MEGIUS !?
WHO MAY I ASK
OH!

THIS IS UNEXPECTED WHAT'S WRONG?
MAY I HELP YOU?
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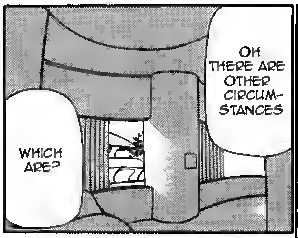
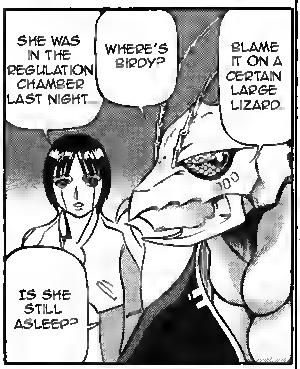
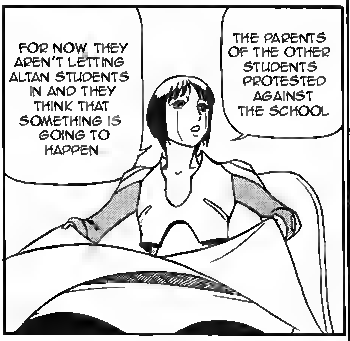
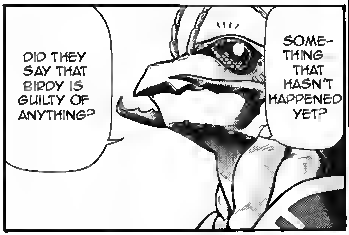

OH THERE ARE OTHER CIRCUM-STANCES
WHICH ARE?

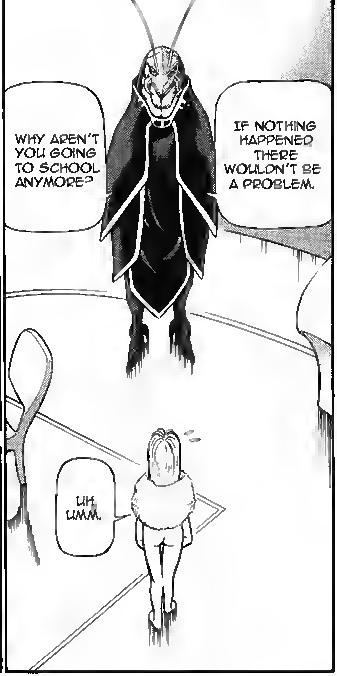

SHE WAS IN THE REGULATION CHAMBER LAST NIGHT
WHERE'S BIRDY?
BLAME IT ON A CERTAIN LARGE LIZARD
IS SHE STILL ASLEEP?

I RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER
IS IT TRUE THAT BIRDY ISN'T GOING TO SCHOOL?
THE HEAD-MASTER CONTACTED YOU!?

IT'S MEGIUS, RU MEGIUS
MEGI MESS...
OH! THE OSMOSIS FLUID ISN'T DRAINING...
VIOLIN
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
NOTH-ING
WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL?
WELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT NEEDS TO BE CHECKED OUT
OH, IT LOOKS LIKE THE CIRCULATION SYSTEM ISN'T WORKING RIGHT...


FOR NOW THEY AREN'T LETTING ALIAN STUDENTS IN AND THEY THINK THAT SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN
THE PARENTS OF THE OTHER STUDENTS PROTESTED AGAINST THE SCHOOL


DID THEY SAY THAT BIRDY IS GUILTY OF ANYTHING?
SOME-THING THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET?


WHY AREN'T YOU GOING TO SCHOOL ANYMORE?
IF NOTHING HAPPENED THERE WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.
UH, UMM.

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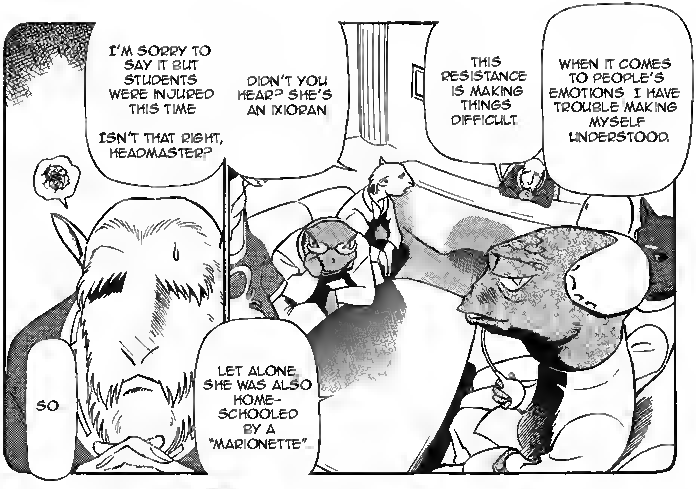
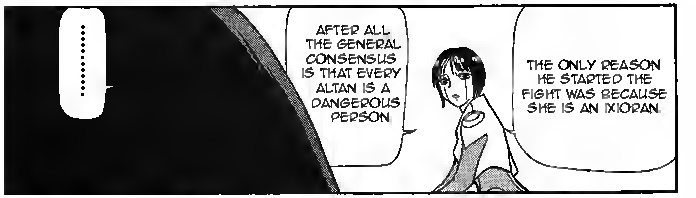
RIGHT, WHEN I DEFENDED HER
THAT OTHER MATTER?

BECAUSE BIRDY HASN'T ENCOUNTERED ANY OPPOSITION SINCE THEN
AFTER YOU MET WITH THE HEADMASTER, DID YOU HEAR OF ANY HARASSMENT?
THEIR FEARS ARE GROUNDLESS


I'M SORRY TO SAY IT BUT STUDENTS WERE INJURED THIS TIME
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, HEADMASTER?
DIDN'T YOU HEAR? SHE'S AN IXIOPAN
THIS RESISTANCE IS MAKING THINGS DIFFICULT
WHEN IT COMES TO PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS I HAVE TROUBLE MAKING MYSELF UNDERSTOOD.
SO
LET ALONE, SHE WAS ALSO HOME-SCHOOLED BY A "MARIONETTE"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AFTER ALL, THE GENERAL CONSENSUS IS THAT EVERY ALTAN IS A DANGEROUS PERSON
THE ONLY REASON HE STARTED THE FIGHT WAS BECAUSE SHE IS AN IXIOPAN

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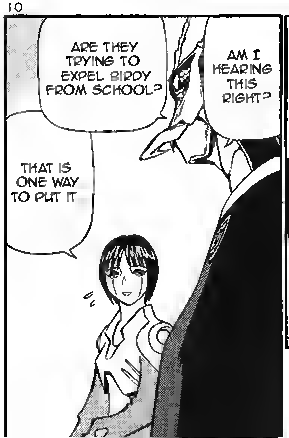
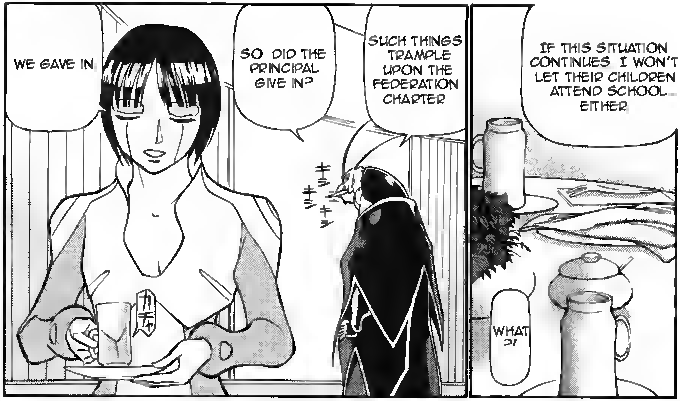
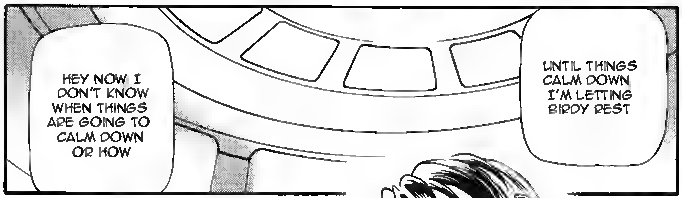

ARE THEY TRYING TO EXPEL BIDOY FROM SCHOOL?
AM I HEARING THIS RIGHT?
THAT IS ONE WAY TO PUT IT

ISN'T THAT WHAT THE HEADMASTER TOLD US?
"SO FAR MODIFIED ALTANS HAVEN'T CAUSED ANY INCIDENTS"


WE GAVE IN
SO DID THE PRINCIPAL GIVE IN?
SUCH THINGS TRAMPLE UPON THE FEDERATION CHARTER
IF THIS SITUATION CONTINUES I WON'T LET THEIR CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL... EITHER
WHAT?!


HEY NOW I DON'T KNOW WHEN THINGS ARE GOING TO CALM DOWN OR HOW
UNTIL THINGS CALM DOWN I'M LETTING BIRDY REST

IT'S POINTLESS TO MAKE ANY PROMISES
I CAN TRY TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE EQUAL EDUCATION ACT
DID YOU THINK OF...

YOU ARE BRAVE, AREN'T YOU?
I'M NOT SUFFERING AT ALL
A SOUND ARGUMENT ANYTHING
WHAT TO DO AFTER THAT? EVENTUALLY IT'S BIRDY WHO WILL BEGIN TO SUFFER
OK
GET DRESSED IT'S TIME FOR BREAKFAST

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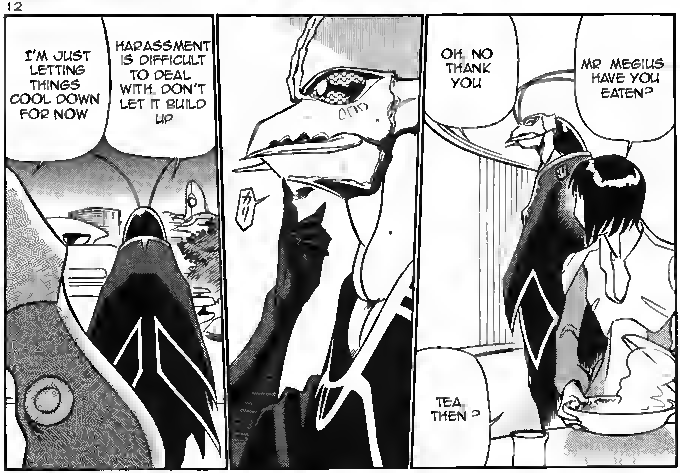
I'M JUST LETTING THINGS COOL DOWN FOR NOW
HARASSMENT IS DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. DON'T LET IT BUILD UP
OH, NO THANK YOU
MR. MEGIUS HAVE YOU EATEN?
TEA THEN ?

VIO-
LIN
THAT BEING SAID, THIS REMAINS TO BE DEALT WITH
.....

IT CONCERNS YOU AND BIRDY
READ IT
THIS IS A MESS-AGE
YES?

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HE'S BEEN HERE MANY TIMES, HAVEN'T YOU MET HIM YET?
AN INSTRUCTOR POSITION OPENED UP IN CEPHON SKELETSO WON'T BE COMING BACK HERE
A POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM BIRDY'S SPONSOR?
IT CAME FROM SKELETSO

AFTER WHAT HAPPENED I WAS DETERMINED TO TAKE CARE OF IT
I HAD VISITED THE SCHOOL LAST WEEK, BUT I DIDN'T FEEL THE NEED TO MEET WITH BIRDY FOR THIS

ALMOST MORE LIKE A COSIGNER
MR. MEGIUS, YOU'RE REPRESENTING INSTRUCTOR SKELETSO?

BUT THERE WASN'T A PROBLEM WHEN HE WAS HERE
AND HIS KIND OF PRESSURE WOULDN'T WORK IN THE NEGOTIATIONS
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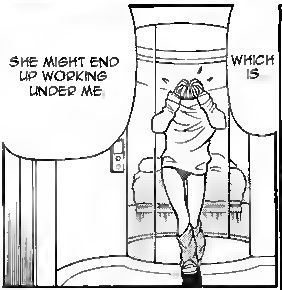
SHE MIGHT END UP WORKING UNDER ME
WHICH IS

IT'S A DIFFERENT SITUATION AN INJUSTICE THAT I CAN'T IGNORE
SO I DECIDED TO ASK A FAVOR OF A FRIEND
BUT, YOU'RE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER

WHAT?
TALENT SUCH AS HERS HAS ALL BUT DRIED UP AROUND HERE

HEY, BUG MAN!
YOU'RE TAKING OVER FOR ME!?
MEGIUS RESIDENCE

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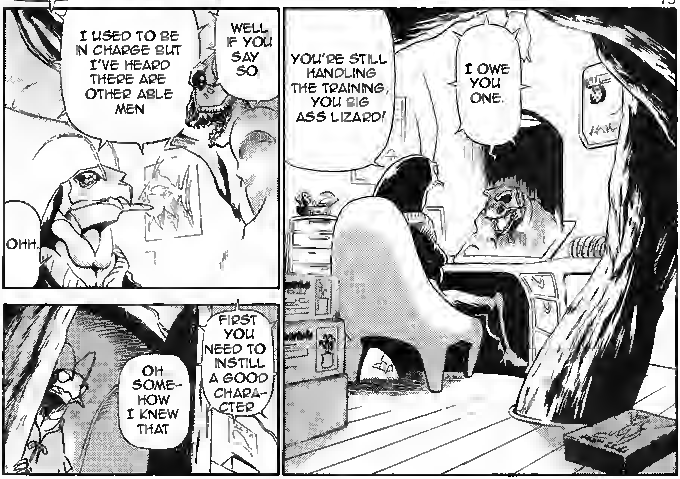
I USED TO BE IN CHARGE BUT I'VE HEARD THERE ARE OTHER ABLE MEN
WELL IF YOU SAY SO
OHH
YOU'RE STILL HANDLING THE TRAINING, YOU BIG ASS LIZARD!
I OWE YOU ONE.
OH SOME-HOW I KNEW THAT
FIRST YOU NEED TO INSTILL A GOOD CHARA-CTER

FOR NOW, I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SCHOOL
UNTIL SHE CAN RETURN I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THE TUTORING
THAT'S FINE, BUT THE TUTORING ASSISTANCE WILL COME OUT OF YOUR PAY
IT'S UNAVOIDABLE
IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL HAVE VIOLIN'S HELP
YOU WILL?
WAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
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WAIT, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
THERE CAN'T BE ANY GAP IN HER EDUCATION! NOW ABOUT THE ELEMENTARY SUBJECTS...

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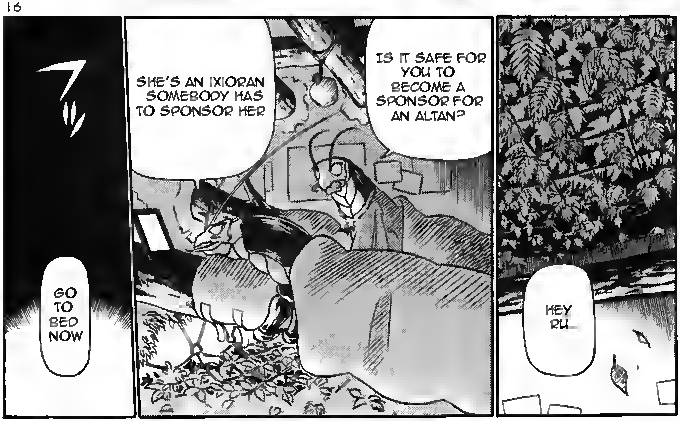
IS IT SAFE FOR YOU TO BECOME A SPONSOR FOR AN ALTAN?
SHE'S AN IXIORAN SOMEBODY HAS TO SPONSOR HER
HEY RU...
GO TO BED NOW

A FEW DAYS LATER...
ORIGINALLY THEY WERE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND NOW THEY HAVE CONGREGATED HERE
THE ALTANS LEFT THE OLD IMPERIAL CITY BECAUSE IT'S EASIER TO LIVE HERE
THE ALTAN RESIDENTIAL QUARTER
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IT'S BETTER TO STUDY IN THE FIELD.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN HERE ON A SCHOOL TRIP.

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A BUG COP
ALTAN KID...
AND A MARIONETTE
A FAIRLY STRANGE COMBINATION DON'T YOU THINK?
WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE?
WELL, THAT MIGHT BE TRUE
AH...

JUST A LITTLE FIELD TRIP
I'M SHOWING THIS CHILD THE MARKET
HEEHEE HELLO
HMM.
AS USUAL, IT'S FILTHY
THEY'RE USING CHILDREN TO SCOUT OUT ENEMY TERRITORY NOW?

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NOT TO WORRY, SHE DOESN'T BITE
I DON'T THINK THIS IS ENEMY TERRITORY AND WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF SPYING
I BELIEVE THEIR WORDS
IF THEY REALLY WERE ENEMIES THEY SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE IT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I CALL 'EM AS I SEE 'EM.

THE FORSAKEN GET THROUGH LIFE JUST FINE IF LEFT ALONE...
I FIND THAT TROUBLING AS WELL
HERE YOU WILL FIND
ALL OF THOSE YOU'VE ABANDONED CAST ADRIFT
SOME CAN'T GET MEDICAL TREATMENT IF THEY'RE HURT ON THE JOB
AND WITHOUT WORK OR THE PROPER CREDENTIALS YOU CAN'T BORROW MONEY
BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY CAN'T EVEN GET A DECENT JOB
BUT THEN THEY'RE ARRESTED AND RECEIVE A CRIMINAL RECORD
FOR ONE THING, WHEN GATHERED TOGETHER THEIR FIGHTING SPIRIT SHINES THROUGH
COUGH, COUGH

YOU ARE MUCH DIFFERENT FROM OTHER OFFICIALS CHOOSING THIS PLACE TO SHOW A CHILD
WE'LL DO JUST FINE. I SHOULDN'T BE COMPLAINING TO YOU ABOUT BEING FORCED TO COME HERE
PLEASE HAVE A LOOK
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF
WHAT ABOUT THAT? A TERRIBLE PREDICAMENT ISN'T IT?
IT'S A VALID COMPLAINT
HOWEVER
APAJI! CAN'T YOU BE QUIET!?
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IT'S NOT THAT MUCH FOR EACH PERSON
DON'T BE RUDE OFFICER
I'M JUST PASSING THROUGH. DON'T MAKE THIS ANY HARDER
COME ON
IT WOULD BE OK IF IT WERE JUST ONE PERSON.
I DO REQUIRE A TOLL

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!!
DON'T MOVE VIOLIN!
BIRDY!
I'LL EVEN LET THESE TWO GO FOR FREE

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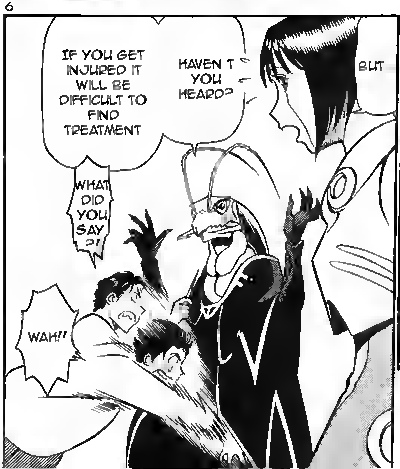
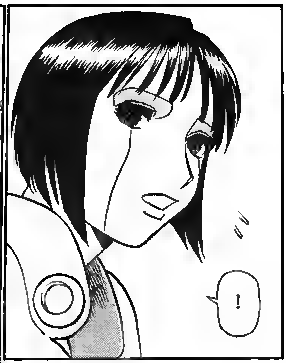

IF YOU GET INJURED IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO FIND TREATMENT
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
BUT
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WAH!!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YOU WERE CARELESS
DID YOU FORGET THAT MY SPECIES HAS 4 ARMS?
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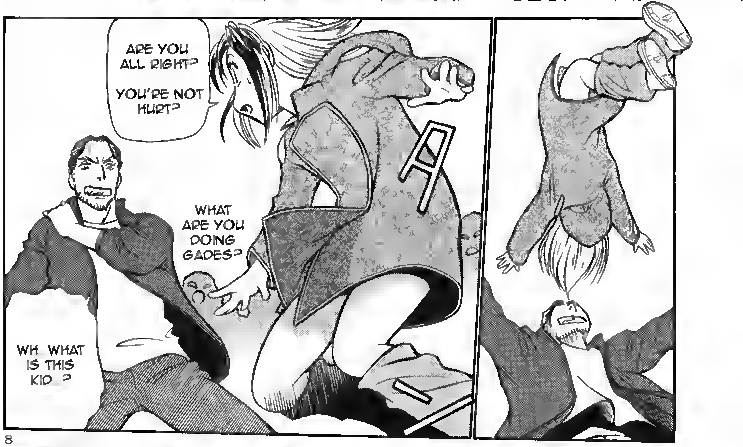
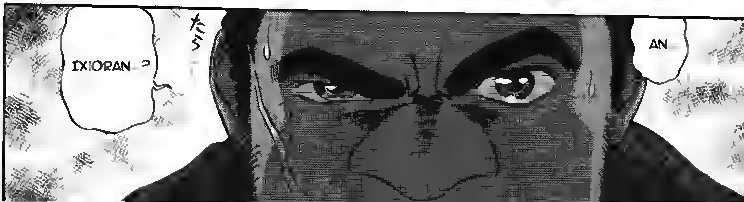
OW OW OW...
DAMN YOU
YOU WOULD KNOW THAT IF YOU ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER RACES
BIRDY
LET GO OF HIM! UNLESS YOU WANT TO SEE ME HURT THIS KID!
ALTHOUGH SELF CONTROL IS ADMIRABLE
I'M FINE WITH USING A LITTLE RESISTANCE IN THIS SITUATION
REALLY? IT'S OK?!
IT'S GOOD PRACTICE
VIOLIN IS DIFFERENT, COULD YOU GO EASY ON THEM?

OK.
WAH!


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT HURT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING GADES?
WH WHAT IS THIS KID?


IXIORAN?
AN

YOU WERE THERE TOO?
WHAT?! WE WERE COMRADES?
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AROUND THE TIME THE KODEIN ORDER UPRISING WAS CRUSHED.
THE POLICE FORCE...
WHEN... I WAS IN THE MILITARY I ENCOUNTERED THEM.
AN UNUSUAL SIGHT WOULDN'T YOU AGREE? SELDOM DOES THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITNESS THEIR ABILITIES

LEAVING THE MILITARY TO TAKE THE BUILDING...
THE POLICE WANTED TO CAPTURE THEIR BISHOP ALIVE. BUT IT WAS DECIDED TO SEND IN THE IXIORAN AT THE FINAL STAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN.
I WISH IT WASN'T I DIDN'T THINK THE ORDER WAS THAT WILLING TO DIE
FOR SUCH A SMALL SCALE CONFLICT IT WAS A TERRIBLE BATTLEFIELD...
AFTER 10 CYCLES IT'S BECOME AN OLD STORY
SO...
...WHEN HE APPEARED BEFORE US WITH BARE HANDS I WAS SURPRISED

I HEARD A RUMOR THAT THE IXIOPANS WERE MONSTERS...
WAS IT JUST A RUMOR?
OH, WELL...
HEY APAJI!
HE CARED ABOUT US
WHEN I WAS HIT LATER ON, HE CARRIED ME TO THE REAR
HE WAS A GOOD GUY

WHAT THE...!
WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOU
PLEASE STOP IT
FOR SOME REASON THIS ONE'S GIVING US SOME TROUBLE!
IS IT ALRIGHT IF I TAKE HER MONEY?
IT'S ONLY PROPERTY!
SMASH THE MARIO-NETTE...
MR MEGIUS, THESE GUYS ARE TRYING REALLY HARD!

I DID SAY PLEASE
……
HEY YOU!!

DON'T PICK ON VIOLIN!!
HEY HEY HEY HEY
HOW MANY OF THEM...?!
IT'S MY FAULT
AS MUCH STRENGTH AS THAT LITTLE GIRL HAS SHOWN HERE...
GET OUT OF HERE
I'M GLAD YOU NOTICED
THEIR FRIENDS ARE TOO MUCH FOR US!!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
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IF THAT IXIORAN IS GOING INTO THE POLICE FORCE
OH, IS THAT SO?

OK
HMM, OH
THINK KINDLY OF ME, WILL YA?
BIRDY, WE'RE THROUGH HERE
YES?!
LITTLE GIRL

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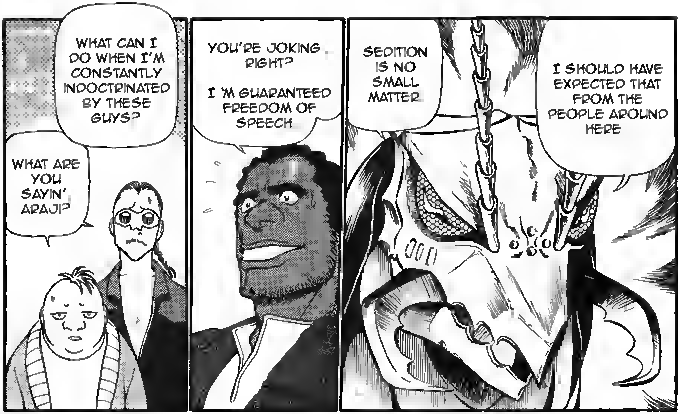
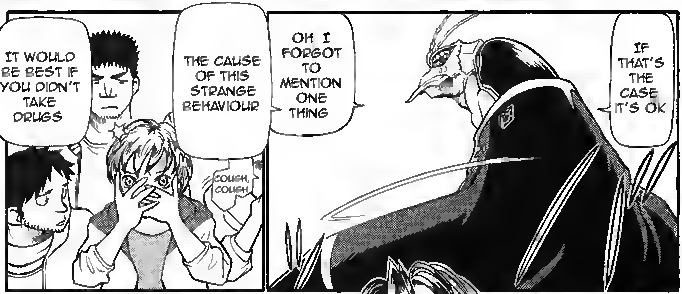
YOU'RE VERY STRONG
CERTAINLY IN YOUR FUTURE, A JOB IN THE POLICE OR MILITARY
THAT WOULD BE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS!

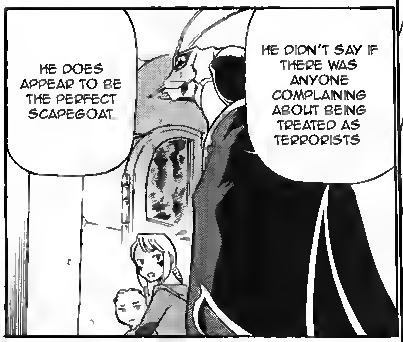
IXIOPANS ETANIANS
AND ALTANS ALL START OUT AS THIRD CLASS CITIZENS OR BELOW
WELL, IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY HOW MUCH SOCIETY COULD RESIST AGAINST THE POWER OF THE THIRD CLASS CITIZENS AND THE NOBODIES
BUT IF YOU PERFORM A GREAT DEED IT WILL OPEN UP YOUR PROSPECTS
ARAJI !!
EVEN GREATER THAN CHRISTELLA REVI...
ARA JI!
THIS LITTLE GIRL WAS MADE TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS
SINCE I DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH THAT MY LIFE IS LIKE THIS NOW...
AN EARLY PROMOTION FROM SECOND TIER. WELL
MUCH IS EXPECTED OF THIS CHILD. DON'T FILL HER HEAD WITH SUCH NONSENSE!!
I WAS JUST USING CHRISTELLA REVI AS AN EXAMPLE...
SORRY

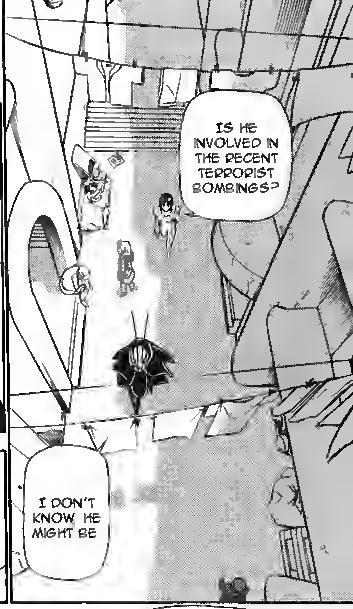

WHAT CAN I DO WHEN I'M CONSTANTLY INDOCTRINATED BY THESE GUYS?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYIN', ARAJI?
YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?
I 'M GUARANTEED FREEDOM OF SPEECH
SEDITION IS NO SMALL MATTER
I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE

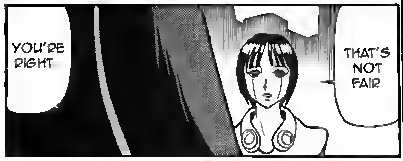

IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE DRUGS
THE CAUSE OF THIS STRANGE BEHAVIOUR
COUGH, COUGH
OH I FORGOT TO MENTION ONE THING
IF THAT'S THE CASE IT'S OK

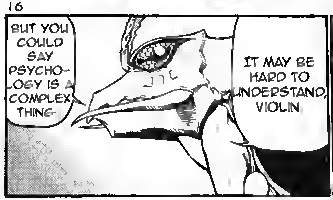
ARAJI WAS VERY CRUDE

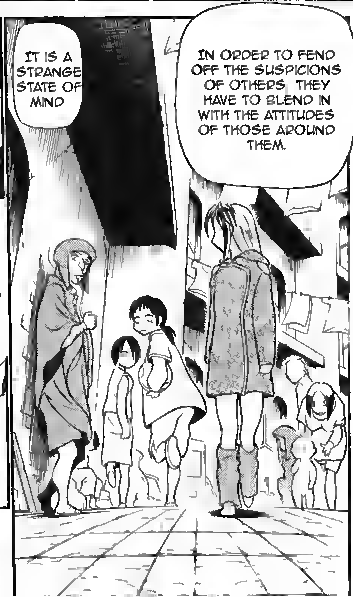
IT'S GETTING DARK
YOU'VE HEARD MY ADVICE

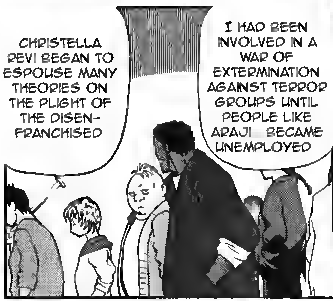

HE DOES APPEAR TO BE THE PERFECT SCAPEGOAT.
HE DIDN'T SAY IF THERE WAS ANYONE COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING TREATED AS TERRORISTS

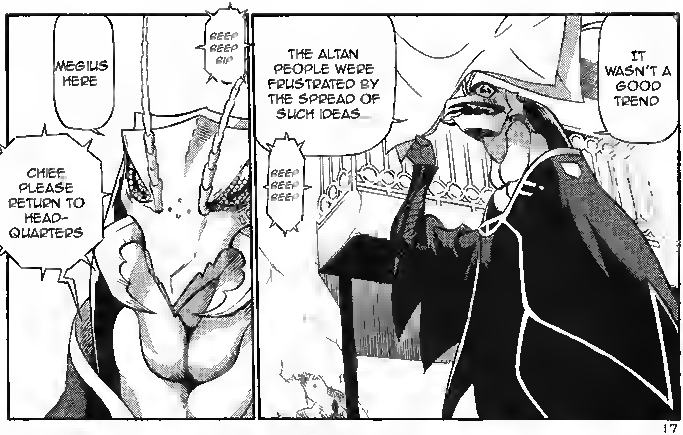

IS HE INVOLVED IN THE RECENT TERRORIST BOMBINGS?
I DON'T KNOW. HE MIGHT BE


YOU'RE RIGHT.
THAT'S NOT FAIR


BUT YOU COULD SAY PSYCHOLOGY IS A COMPLEX THING.
IT MAY BE HARD TO UNDERSTAND, VIOLIN.


IT IS A STRANGE STATE OF MIND
IN ORDER TO FEND OFF THE SUSPICIONS OF OTHERS, THEY HAVE TO BLEND IN WITH THE ATTITUDES OF THOSE AROUND THEM.


CHRISTELLA REVI BEGAN TO ESPOUSE MANY THEORIES ON THE PLIGHT OF THE DISENFRANCHISED
I HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A WAR OF EXTERMINATION AGAINST TERROR GROUPS UNTIL PEOPLE LIKE APAJI BECAME UNEMPLOYED


IT WASN'T A GOOD TREND
THE ALTAN PEOPLE WERE FRUSTRATED BY THE SPREAD OF SUCH IDEAS...
REEP REEP REEP
MEGIUS HERE
REEP REEP BIP
CHIEF PLEASE RETURN TO HEAD-QUARTERS

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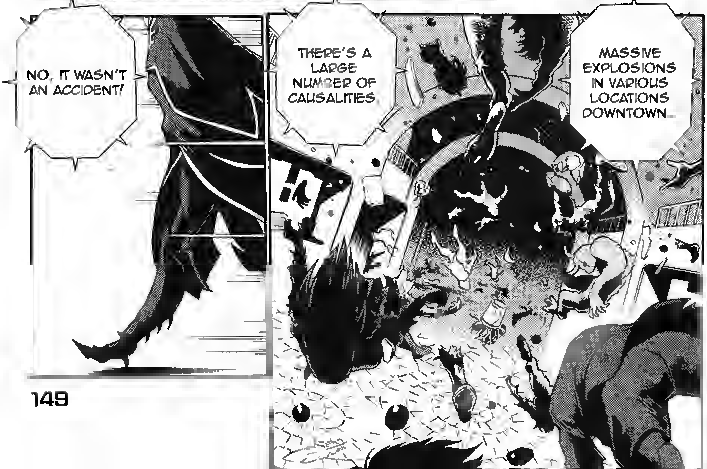
I'M GETTING THE SECTION CHIEF HERE TOO!
EXPLO-SIONS IN AKIBA!?
YES. IN AN OUTER PROVINCE OF AKIBA!


MASSIVE EXPLOSIONS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS DOWNTOWN...
THERE'S A LARGE NUMBER OF CASUALITIES
NO, IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT!

THE ADVERTISING CHANNEL HAS BEEN HACKED!
IT'S CHRISTELLA REVI!
CUT THE LINE! DON'T LET THAT MESSAGE GET BROADCAST TO THE PUBLIC!

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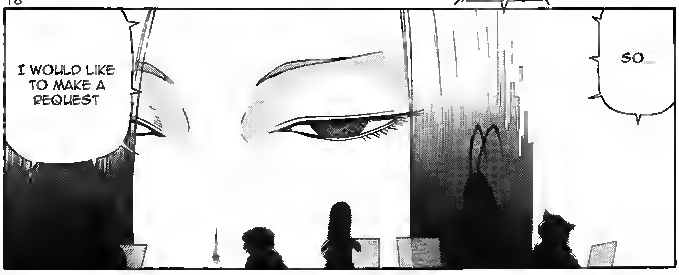
I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST
SO...

ONE, THE DISSOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AKRASAR IN THE ETANA SOLAR SYSTEM.
TWO, END THE POLICY OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE ALTAN PEOPLE.
THREE, MAKE THE ALTAN SYSTEM A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT ENTITY FROM THE FEDERATION.
FOUR, OPEN THE L-KAZAN GATE.

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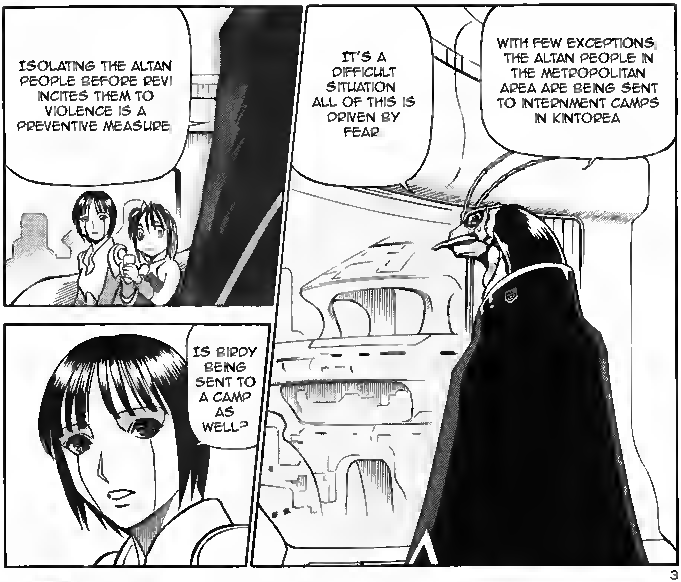
LEAVE AKRABAR WITHIN 10 DAYS


ISOLATING THE ALTAN PEOPLE BEFORE REV! INCITES THEM TO VIOLENCE IS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE
IT'S A DIFFICULT SITUATION ALL OF THIS IS DRIVEN BY FEAR
WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE ALTAN PEOPLE IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA ARE BEING SENT TO INTERNMENT CAMPS IN KINTOREA
IS BIRDY BEING SENT TO A CAMP AS WELL?
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AFTER ALL THESE THINGS DO HAPPEN
SHOW ME YOUR CREDEN-TIALS!
LET GO OF ME! I'M A PUBLIC OFFICIAL !!
BIRDY HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN SOME LISTS

DID HE SURVIVE?
THERE IS DEEP RESENTMENT IN AKIHABAR
EARLIER YESTERDAY THERE WAS A LYNCHING
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR ONE PERSON WALKING AROUND
EVEN HE WILL BE EVACUATED UNTIL THINGS SIMMER DOWN
2,200,000 PEOPLE HAD TO BE REMOVED
WHEN ALL THAT PENT UP ENERGY WAS RELEASED
EHH, I LEARNED ABOUT IT IN SCHOOL
YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
IT REMINDS ME OF THE INCIDENT WITH THE WARSHIP OF THE ANCIENT EMPIRE
BUT IT IS CLOSED
NOW THERE IS ONLY THE GATE
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NOW WHETHER THERE WILL BE ANYONE WILLING TO DO IT?
WE MIGHT NEED AN ACTUAL PRIVATE TUTOR...
BIRDY'S REENTRY WILL BE DIFFICULT
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WHAT ABOUT THE ARMY!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT!?
THE MILITARY IS NOT AWARE OF WHAT WAS SAID
SO, LET THE FEDERATION POLICE EXPLAIN
WE SHOULD HAVE SEVERAL TIMES THAT AMOUNT OF INFORMATION FROM AKRABAR

YOU LOOK A LITTLE APOLOGETIC SAYING THAT!
THIS IS HOW I LOOK NORMALLY!
LET ALONE THEY HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN FOR SPIES
THE FEDERATION POLICE ARE SHORT OF INVESTIGATORS
EXCUSE ME, BUT THIS MEETING IS UNPRODUCTIVE.
UNPRO-DUCTIVE!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, UNPRO-DUCTIVE!?
I REGRET WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT WAS SAID IN THIS MEETING.
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TYROL GIZEH WHAT DID YOU SAY?
PLEASE EXCUSE MY ATTENDANCE OVER THE NETWORK
IF I MAY SAY SO AS THE REPRESENTATIVE IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ABANDONING OF AKABAR IS INTENDED TO JEOPARDIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE ALLIANCE
OH?
THE ALLIANCE FORCES HAVE BEEN GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THIS INCIDENT

YOU CAN'T PUT A MASSIVE MILITARY PRESENCE NEXT TO A GATE THAT LINKS TO THE ALLIANCE ZONE WHEN IT HASN'T BEEN DETERMINED WHAT BELONGS TO THE FEDERATION
EVERY-ONE KNOWS THAT!
WELL, A GREAT FLAW WAS REVEALED
SINCE IT WAS DIFFICULT TO BUILD AND THE TALKS WERE COMPLICATED BY THE FEDERATIONS PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE FACILITY, THERE WERE SOME TRADE OFFS...
THE ETANA STAR SYSTEM WAS CAPTURED DURING THE HUNDRED YEAR'S WAR. THE MILITARY OUTPOST WAS BUILT BY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERATION FORCES AND THE ALLIANCE. IT WAS THE FOREBUNNER OF AKRADAR.
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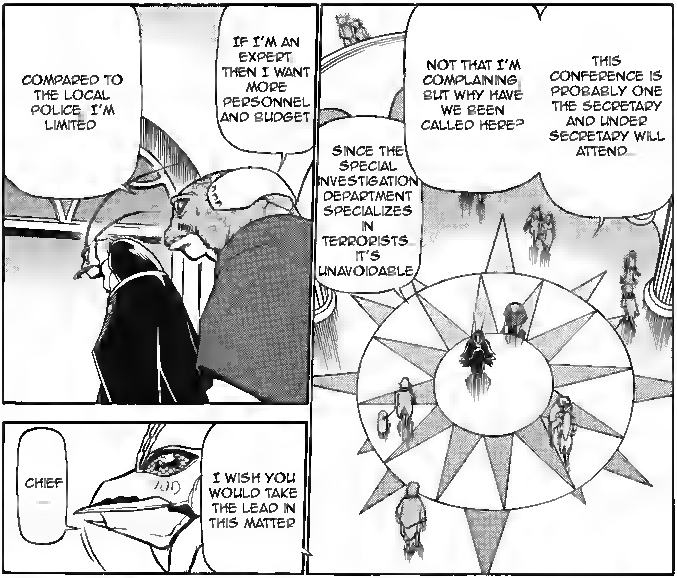
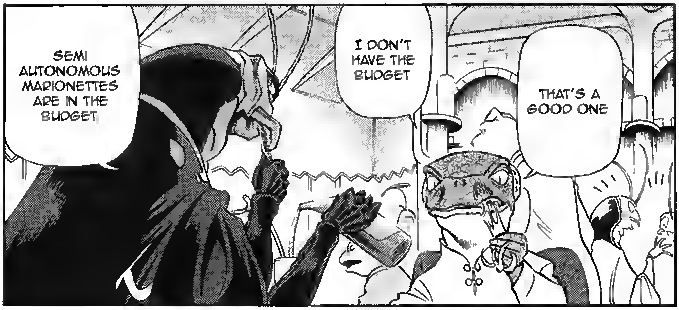
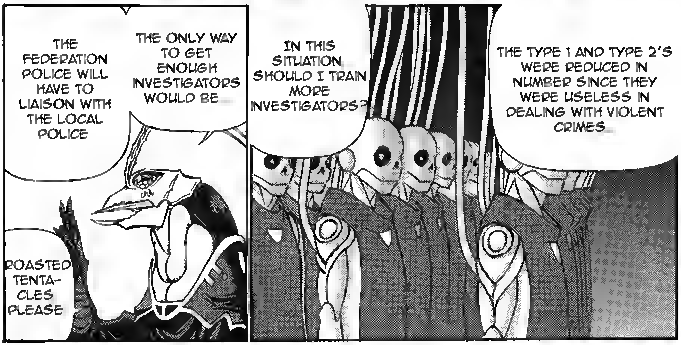
OF COURSE UNDER THE CIRCUM-STANCES
WHAT ARE YOU DIPLOMATS DOING? WAIT, WAIT! DON'T HAND IT OVER TO THE ALLIANCE!!
THE ALLIANCE HAS ALREADY ORGANIZED A DISPATCH OF THEIR FLEET
IN ANY CASE THEY WANT IT INVESTIGATED AND A REPORT SENT BACK
IT WON'T BE VERY USEFUL...
IT'S A NATURAL GATE. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT LEADS!
ZZ
THEY DO SEEM WEAK CHIEF
IT'S BEGIN-NING TO GET UNPLEAS-ANT AROUND HERE, MEGIUS.


IF I'M AN EXPERT THEN I WANT MORE PERSONNEL AND BUDGET
COMPARED TO THE LOCAL POLICE, I'M LIMITED
THIS CONFERENCE IS PROBABLY ONE THE SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY WILL ATTEND
NOT THAT I'M COMPLAINING, BUT WHY HAVE WE BEEN CALLED HERE?
SINCE THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT SPECIALIZES IN TERRORISTS IT'S UNAVOIDABLE
I WISH YOU WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS MATTER
CHIEF

LOOK
THE RYUKANPO LEAVES HAVE TURNED
OHH

WE HAVE AN OPEN TABLE
HAVE A SEAT OVER HERE
THAT'S RIGHT CHIEF
I SEE. SO YOU LIKE THIS SEASON?
SOON IT WILL SPREAD
THEY ONLY GET INTERESTING AT THIS TIME OF YEAR...
ANOTHER PLATE MISS?
THE KOGANETO BIIKA IS DELICIOUS THIS TIME OF YEAR
NEXT INSPECTOR
I WONDER WHAT YOU WILL HAVE TO SAY
NEXT UP!
YOU MEAN FROM HERE ON?
I WANT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE CASE
DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU I THINK YOU'RE IN THE SAME BOAT AS ME
AND YET IN YOUR LINE OF WORK
THIS, THAT I'M SORRY TO HAVE BURDENED YOU


SEMI AUTONOMOUS MARIONETTES ARE IN THE BUDGET
I DON'T HAVE THE BUDGET
THAT'S A GOOD ONE


THE FEDERATION POLICE WILL HAVE TO LIAISON WITH THE LOCAL POLICE
THE ONLY WAY TO GET ENOUGH INVESTIGATORS WOULD BE...
ROASTED TENTACLES PLEASE
IN THIS SITUATION SHOULD I TRAIN MORE INVESTIGATORS?
THE TYPE 1 AND TYPE 2'S WERE REDUCED IN NUMBER SINCE THEY WERE USELESS IN DEALING WITH VIOLENT CRIMES...

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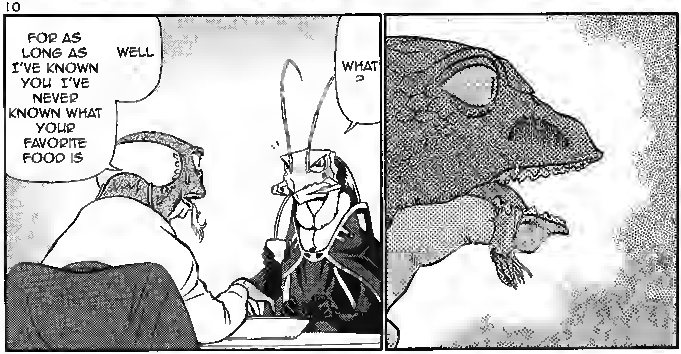
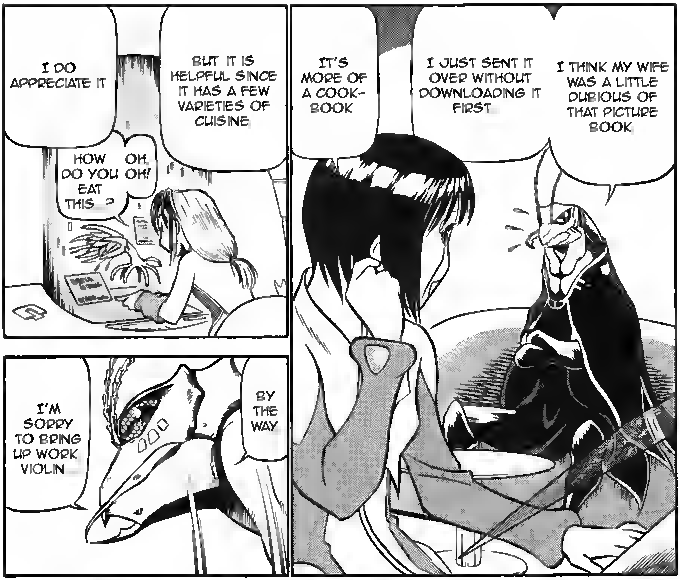
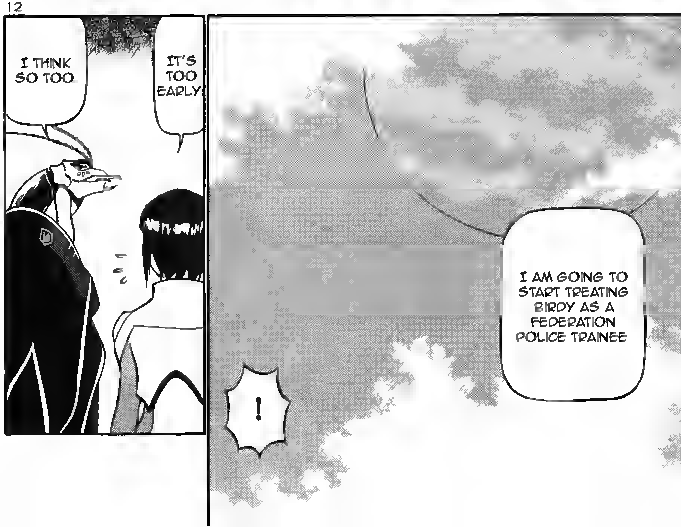

FOR AS LONG AS I'VE KNOWN YOU I'VE NEVER KNOWN WHAT YOUR FAVORITE FOOD IS
WELL
WHAT?

"KOGA NETO BIIKA"
" ARE A VARIANT OF CEPHALOPODS THAT INHABIT THE ATMOSPHERE OF FOZON"
"YA TSU MEKO"
"INHABIT THE ROCKY AREAS OF NADA."
"THEY ARE COOKED BY " WHAT'S THIS?
TO SERVE THEM ARRANGED ON THE DINNER TABLE WITH COLORFUL PIYUKANPO LEAVES"
"IT HAS BECOME A TRADITION DURING THE ORIOTEPPAN FALL,
SORRY.
THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE AN ANIMAL PICTURE BOOK
VIOLIN...
"THE MEAT IN THE CARAPACE IS DELICIOUS AND USUALLY GRILLED ALTHOUGH LOCALLY IT IS BOILED. "


I DO APPRECIATE IT
BUT IT IS HELPFUL SINCE IT HAS A FEW VARIETIES OF CUISINE
HOW DO YOU EAT THIS...?
OH, OH!
IT'S MORE OF A COOK-BOOK
I JUST SENT IT OVER WITHOUT DOWNLOADING IT FIRST
I THINK MY WIFE WAS A LITTLE CURIOUS OF THAT PICTURE BOOK
I'M SORRY TO BRING UP WORK VIOLIN
BY THE WAY


I THINK SO TOO
IT'S TOO EARLY!
I AM GOING TO START TREATING BIRDY AS A FEDERATION POLICE TRAINEE
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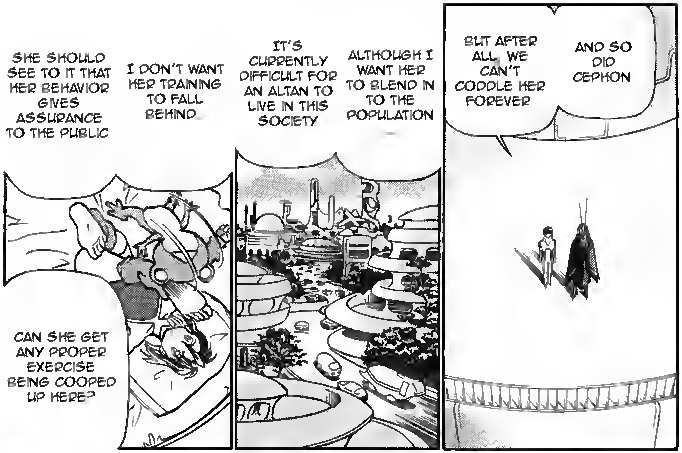
SHE SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT HER BEHAVIOR GIVES ASSURANCE TO THE PUBLIC
I DON'T WANT HER TRAINING TO FALL BEHIND...
IT'S CURRENTLY DIFFICULT FOR AN ALTAN TO LIVE IN THIS SOCIETY
ALTHOUGH I WANT HER TO BLEND IN TO THE POPULATION
BUT AFTER ALL, WE CAN'T COODLE HER FOREVER
AND SO DID CEPHON
CAN SHE GET ANY PROPER EXERCISE BEING COOPED UP HERE?

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WHEN I THINK OF THE TREATMENT OF THOSE THAT ARE IN THE CAMPS...
I KNOW IT'S NOT FAIR
BUT...

BUR-
DEN?
THAT'S A GREAT BURDEN TO PUT ON A CHILD ISN'T IT?
OUR BIDOY WILL HAVE TO WORK HARD TO RESTORE THE ALTAN PEOPLE'S HONOR
EVEN THOUGH IT ISN'T FAIR IT'S TIME TO GET THINGS STARTED
WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY
WHAA
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NOT THAT WAY!
BAM!
NO, THE OTHER WAY!
THERE'S ONLY JUST ENOUGH ROOM TO MAKE IT...
TWIST YOUR BODY!
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YEAH...
I MISSED
.....
WELL IN HER CASE...
I WONDER IF IT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE FOR A CHILD TO DO IT

IN A PLACE WHERE ANY NORMAL PERSON WOULD DIE, THEY DON'T EVEN EXPERIENCE PAIN
YA!
WAA!!
IS EVERY IXIORAN LIKE THAT?
DA A!!
OOF!!

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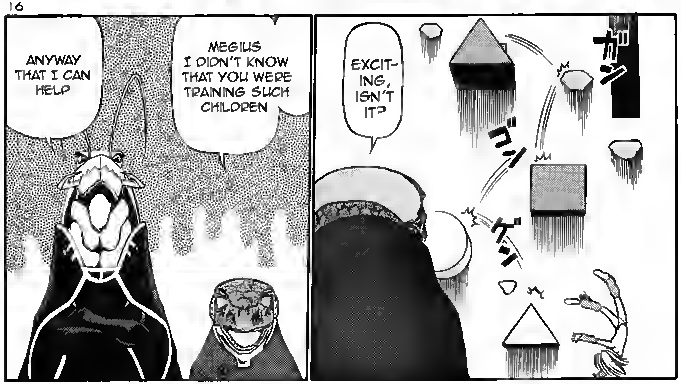
EXCITING, ISN'T IT?
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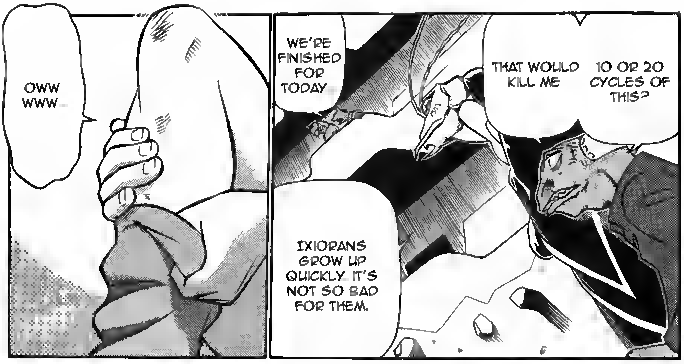
MEGIUS I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE TRAINING SUCH CHILDREN
ANYWAY THAT I CAN HELP


OWW WWW
WE'RE FINISHED FOR TODAY
IXIORANS GROW UP QUICKLY. IT'S NOT SO BAD FOR THEM.
THAT WOULD KILL ME
10 OR 20 CYCLES OF THIS?

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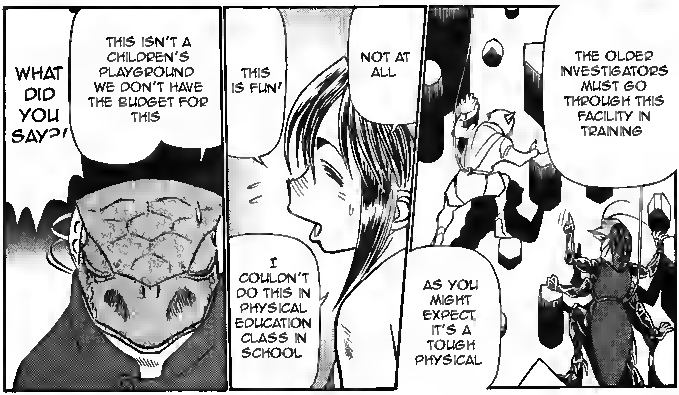
NOW.
EVEN THROUGH PAIN, YOU MUST NOT LET THE CRIMINAL ESCAPE
POOR JUDGMENT BAD FORM.


WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
THIS ISN'T A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WE DON'T HAVE THE BUDGET FOR THIS
THIS IS FUN!
I COULDN'T DO THIS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS IN SCHOOL
NOT AT ALL
AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT. IT'S A TOUGH PHYSICAL
THE OLDER INVESTIGATORS MUST GO THROUGH THIS FACILITY IN TRAINING

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HA!
Y,YY, YOU!
THAT WOULD BE NEWS TO THE SECTION CHIEF!

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WAHAHA HAHAHA HAHA!!
DO YOU THINK YOUR BUDGET WAS CUT!?
SKELETSO! YOU CAME BACK!?

THE RESISTANCE TO THE EMPIRE IN ITS FINAL YEARS CREATED THE FEDERATION. IT WAS SOMETHING UNPRECEDENTED.
HUH ?!
BIRDY CEPHON!
WHAT'S MORE THE EMPEROR'S PRIDE WAS WALLED UP INSIDE HIS LAST REFUGE
TO BE PRECISE I SHOULD SAY IT WAS BORN FROM THE WAVES OF SAVAGERY BY THE EMPIRE
I I WASN'T SLEEPING
NO NO YOU'RE NOT

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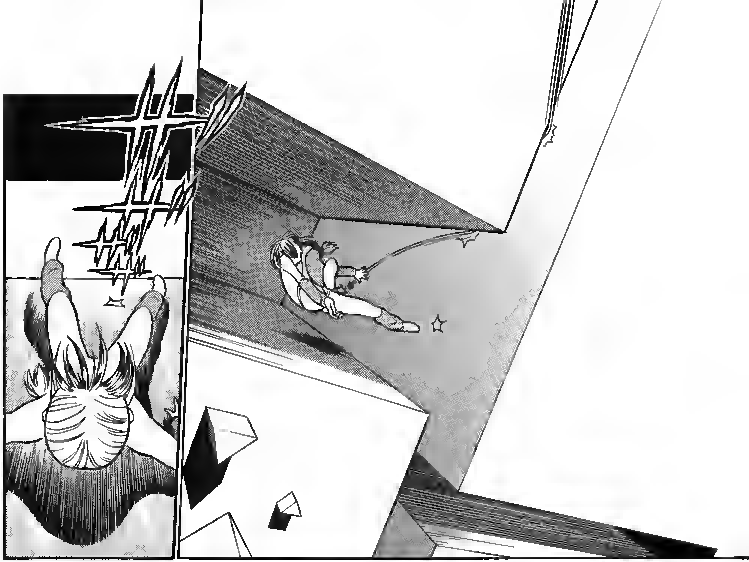

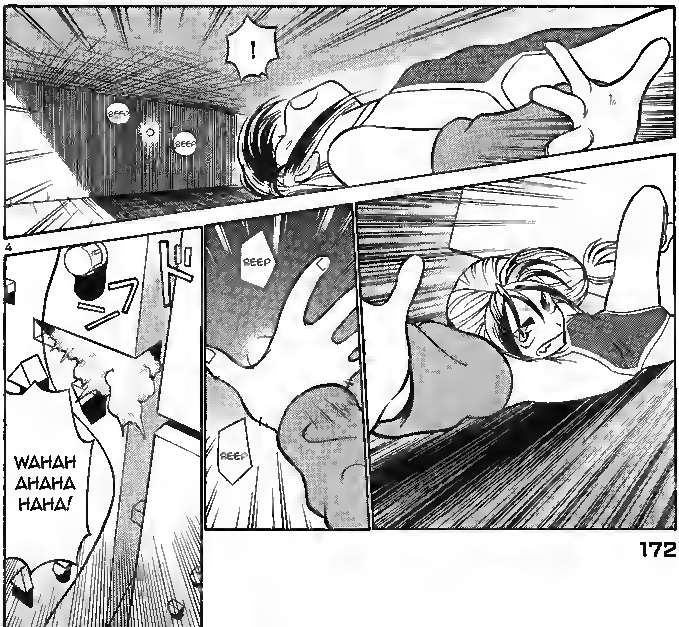
!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
WAHAH AHAHA HAHA!

DAMN IT!
ASCENDING AND DESCENDING EXERCISES 20 REPS
INABILITY TO NEGOTIATE THE OBSTACLE WAS A FATAL ERROR
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TOO BAD TIME'S UP...

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I DID THE SAME TRAINING WHEN I WAS A CHILD
YOUR METHODS ARE UNREASONABLE
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AWW...
COPY THE TEXTBOOK 30 PAGES!
AFTER THIS TIME, THE OBEN TREATY WAS SIGNED
GAH!
HEY SKELETSO...

I'M NOT BRAGGING BUT...
DOES HE NEED MY HELP IN THEORETICAL STUDIES?
OVER HERE THERE ISN'T ANY LEARNING JUST TRAINING THE BODY
THE TUTOR IS BOUND TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS
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THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE THREE LEVELS HIGHER
I'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR SINCE LEAVING THE UNIVERSITY

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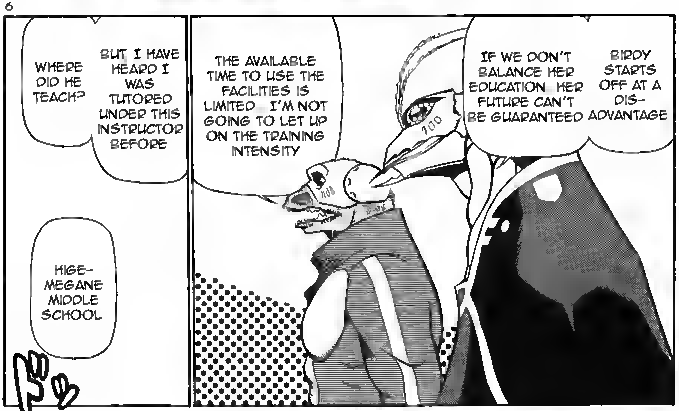
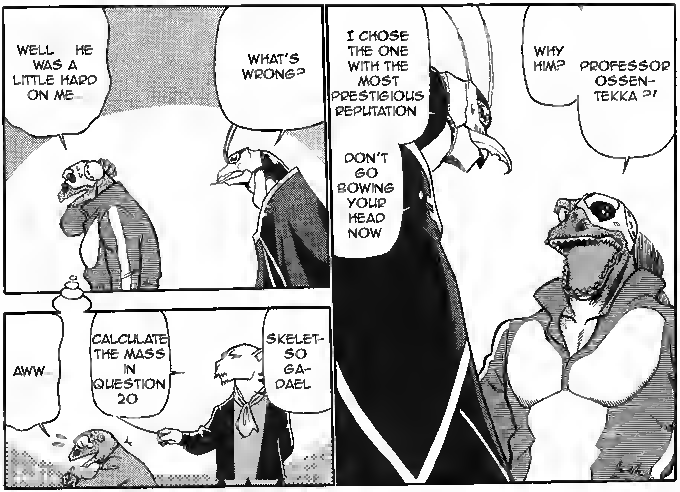
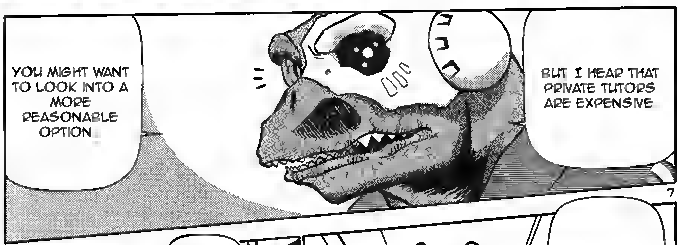
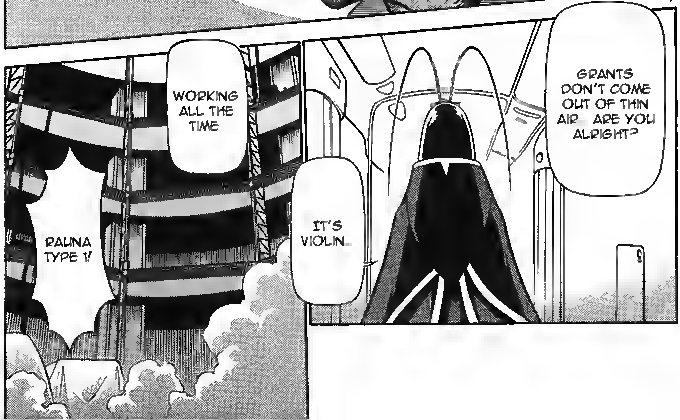

WHERE DID HE TEACH?
BUT I HAVE HEARD I WAS TUTORED UNDER THIS INSTRUCTOR BEFORE
HIGE-MEGANE MIDDLE SCHOOL
THE AVAILABLE TIME TO USE THE FACILITIES IS LIMITED I'M NOT GOING TO LET UP ON THE TRAINING INTENSITY
IF WE DON'T BALANCE HER EDUCATION HER FUTURE CAN'T BE GUARANTEED
BIRDY STARTS OFF AT A DISADVANTAGE


WELL... HE WAS A LITTLE HARD ON ME...
WHAT'S WRONG?
I CHOSE THE ONE WITH THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS REPUTATION
DON'T GO BOWING YOUR HEAD NOW
WHY HIM? PROFESSOR OSSEN-TEKKA?!
AWW...
CALCULATE THE MASS IN QUESTION 20
SKELET-SO GA-DAEL


YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK INTO A MORE REASONABLE OPTION...
BUT I HEAR THAT PRIVATE TUTORS ARE EXPENSIVE


GRANTS DON'T COME OUT OF THIN AIR. ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
IT'S VIOLIN...
WORKING ALL THE TIME
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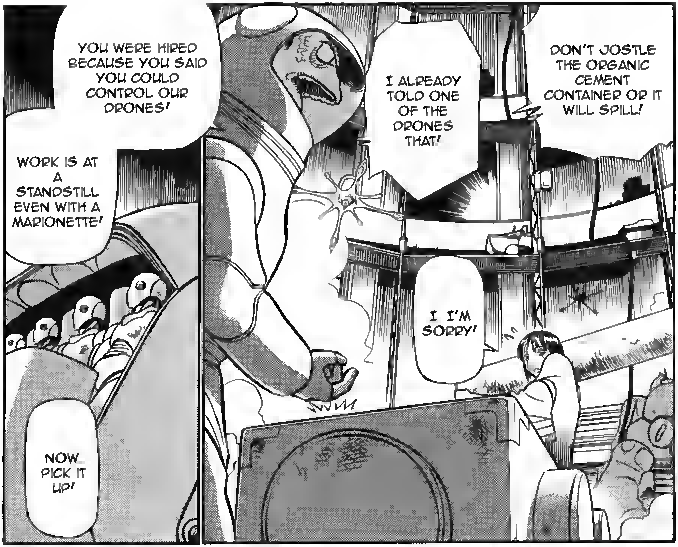
YOU WERE HIRED BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU COULD CONTROL OUR DRONES!
WORK IS AT A STANDSTILL EVEN WITH A MARIONETTE!
NOW, PICK IT UP!
I ALREADY TOLD ONE OF THE DRONES THAT!
I, I'M SORRY!
DON'T JOSTLE THE ORGANIC CEMENT CONTAINER OR IT WILL SPILL!

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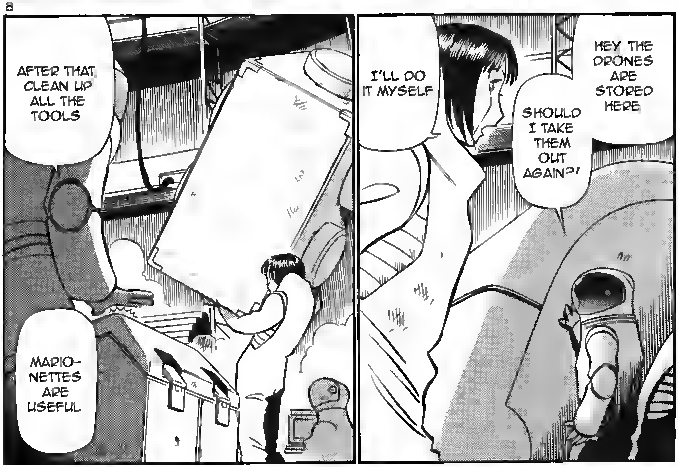
AFTER THAT, CLEAN UP ALL THE TOOLS
MARIO-NETTES ARE USEFUL
I'LL DO IT MYSELF
HEY, THE DRONES ARE STORED HERE
SHOULD I TAKE THEM OUT AGAIN?!

I'LL REST A LITTLE AFTER I'M FINISHED TRANSLATING THIS PARAGRAPH
I'M NOT A LIVING BEING. IT'S OK
CAN'T YOU TAKE A BREAK?
VIOLIN
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WELL UH
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY SKELETSO GA-DAEL?
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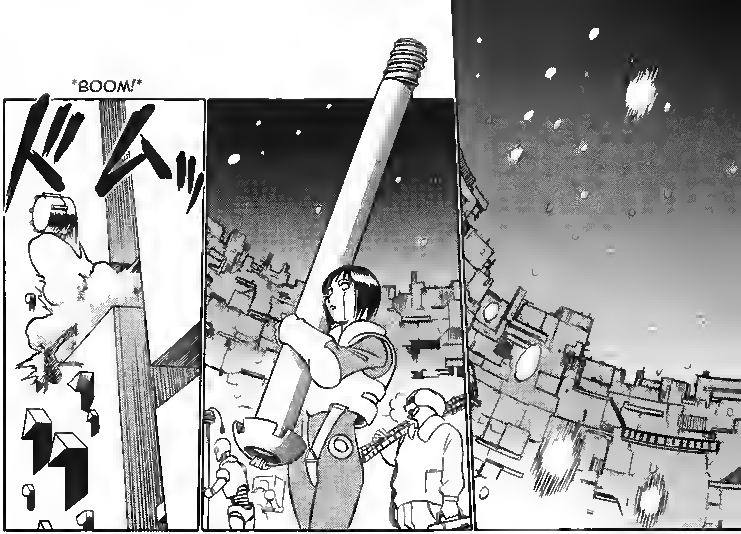
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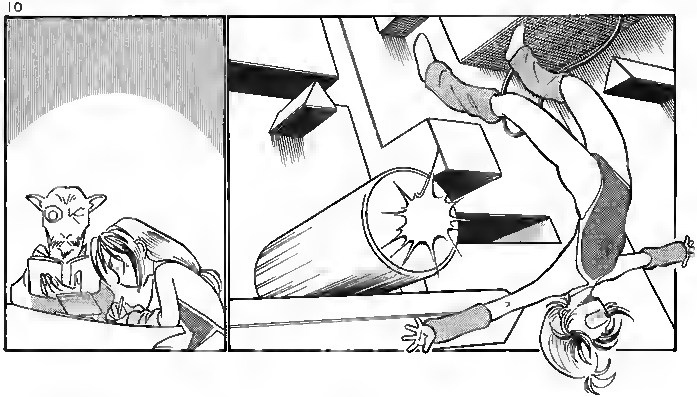
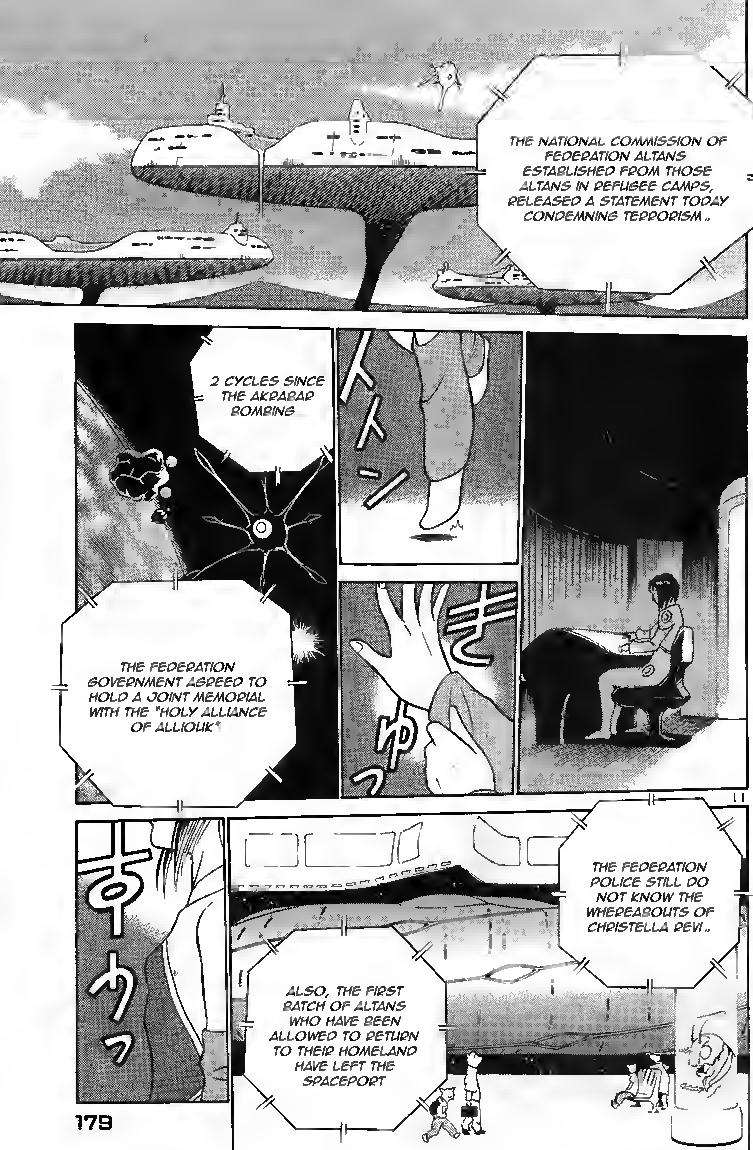
SINCE THE SITE OF THE BLAST HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED VERIFYING THE INCIDENT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
TODAY THE FEDERATION POLICE RELEASED THE INTERMEDIATE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE BOMBING ON AKABAR THAT OCCURRED LAST FALL




THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF FEDERATION ALTANS ESTABLISHED FROM THOSE ALTANS IN REFUGEE CAMPS, RELEASED A STATEMENT TODAY CONDEMNING TERRORISM.
2 CYCLES SINCE THE AKRABAD BOMBING
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THE FEDERATION GOVERNMENT AGREED TO HOLD A JOINT MEMORIAL WITH THE "HOLY ALLIANCE OF ALLIOLIK"
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THE FEDERATION POLICE STILL DO NOT KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF CHRISTELLA REVI.
ALSO, THE FIRST BATCH OF ALTANS WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND HAVE LEFT THE SPACEPORT

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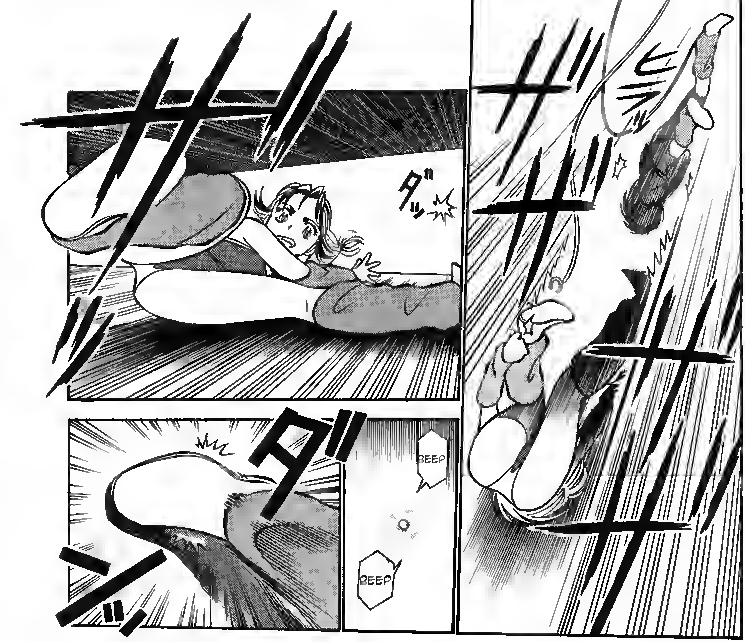
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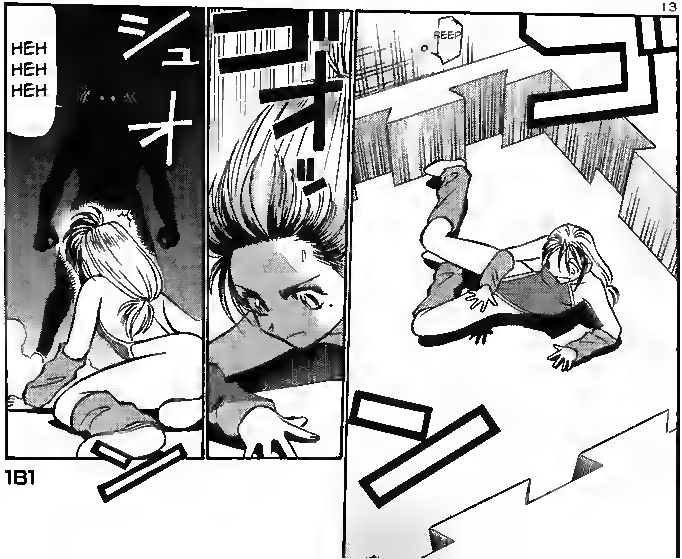
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DAAAAAAAA!!
BUT FROM HERE ON...
YOU'VE MADE IT THIS FAR
UNTIL I TELL YOU...
HEY WAIT!
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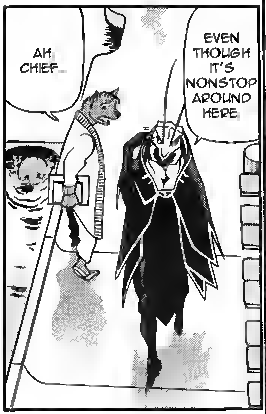
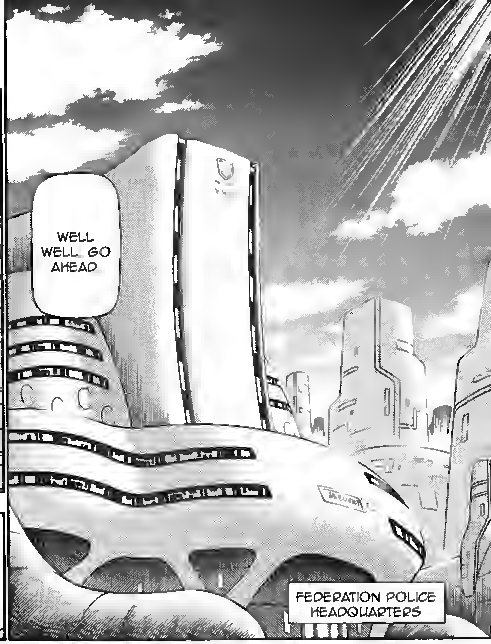
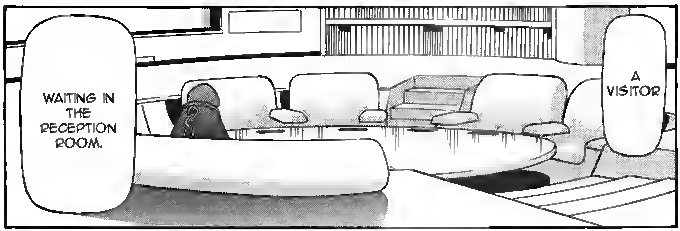
I MADE IT!!
YOU PASSED!!
THIS!

BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE TO PLAY WITH
I NEED A BREAK
I'M FINE. I DON'T NEED A VACATION
GOOD! WE CAN TAKE A DAY OFF
NO MORE PLAYING AROUND TIME TO REST
THAT BEING SAID... IT CAN'T BE HELPED. I HAVE TO GO HOME TOO.
15
WHAT?! ARE YOU JEALOUS MEGIUS?
SOME OF US HAVE OTHER THINGS TO DO THAN PLAYING WITH CHILDREN!
HEY!!
OK. ARE YOU GOING TO VISIT THE NEW BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY CENTER?
SKELET-SO!


AH, CHIEF...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NONSTOP AROUND HERE.


WELL WELL. GO AHEAD
FEDERATION POLICE HEADQUARTERS

NOT NOW!
THAT'S OK CHIEF
WHAT IS IT?


WAITING IN THE RECEPTION ROOM.
A VISITOR

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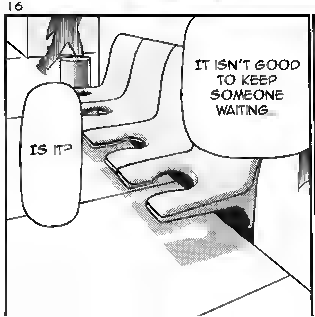
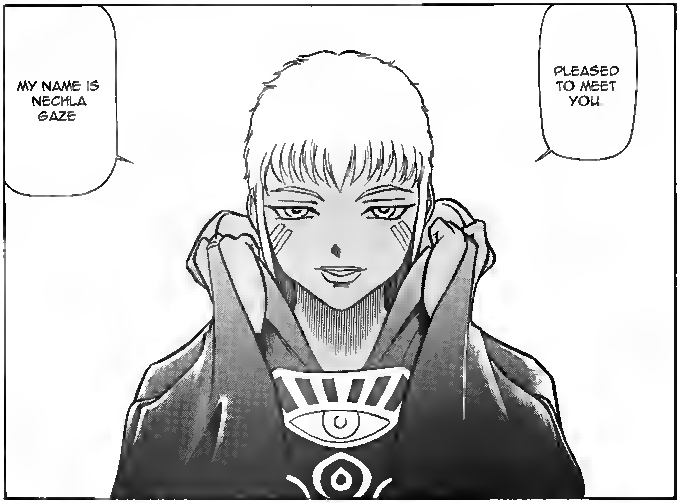
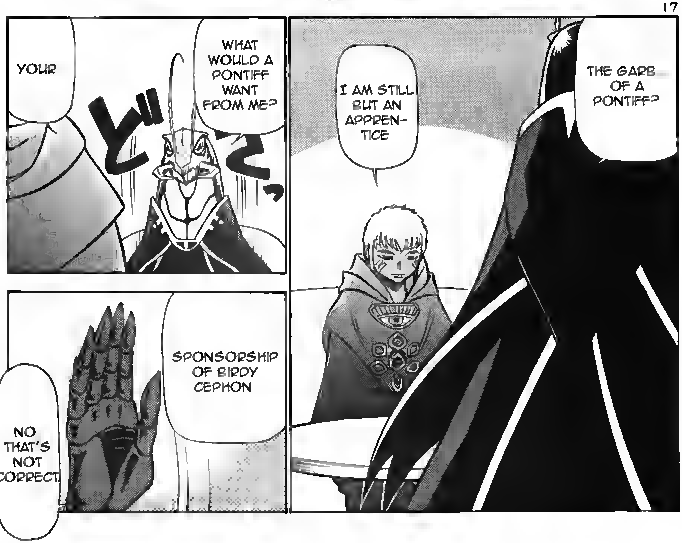

IS IT?
IT ISN'T GOOD TO KEEP SOMEONE WAITING.

WHAT?!
IT'S AN ALTAN KID


MY NAME IS NECHLA GAZE
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.


YOUR
WHAT WOULD A PONTIFF WANT FROM ME?
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I AM STILL BUT AN APPREN-TICE
THE GAPB OF A PONTIFF?
NO THAT'S NOT CORRECT
SPONSORSHIP OF BIRDY CEPHON

SHE WILL ATTEMPT THE "BLACK COCOON" TEST
I BRING A SUGGESTION FROM THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM.
IT DOES NOT MATTER
SKELETSO GA-DAEL IS HER SPONSOR.
COCOON"
"BLACK
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IT'S RECKLESS!!
SHE'S STILL JUST A CHILD

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MEMORIES OF A MARIONETTE #11

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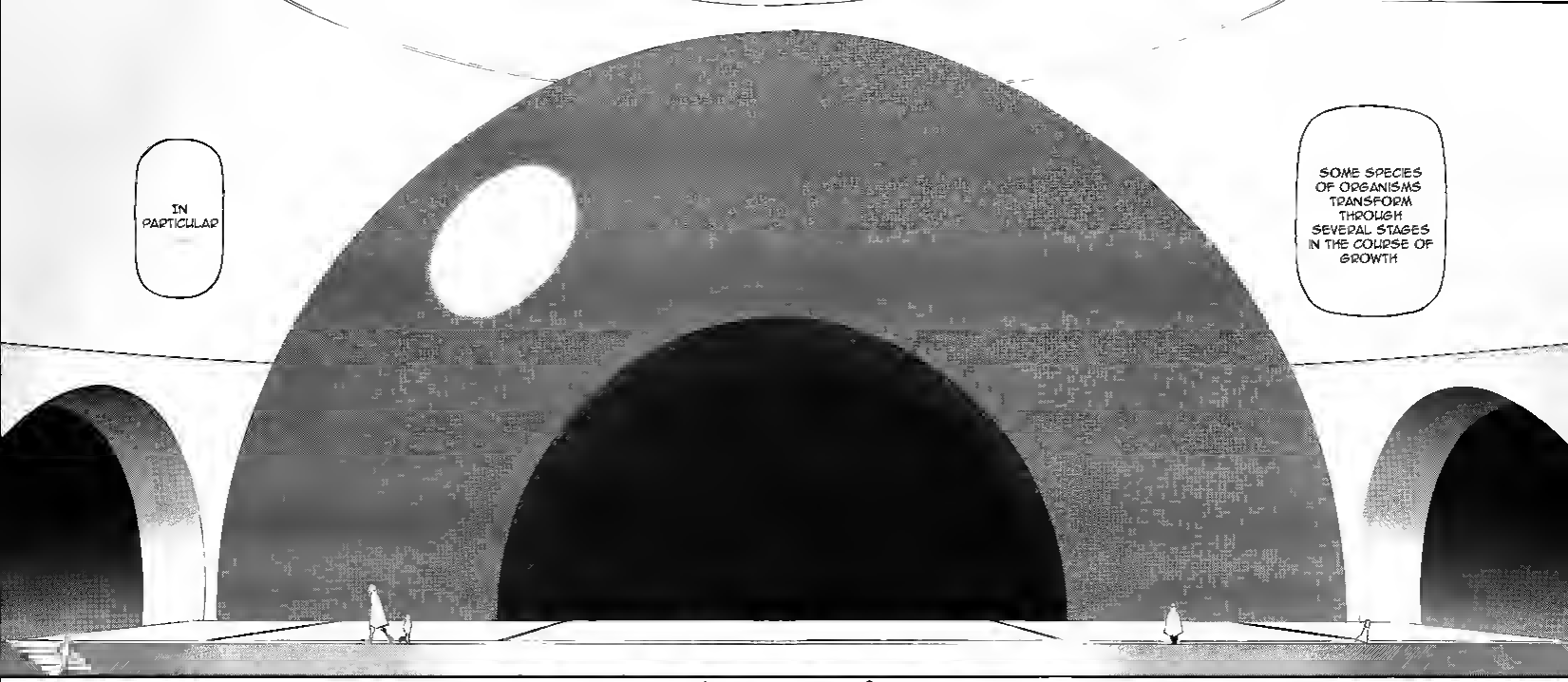
IN PARTICULAR
SOME SPECIES OF ORGANISMS TRANSFORM THROUGH SEVERAL STAGES IN THE COURSE OF GROWTH

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I THINK IT'S TOO SOON FOR RIPOY TO TAKE THIS TEST
I
OHH...

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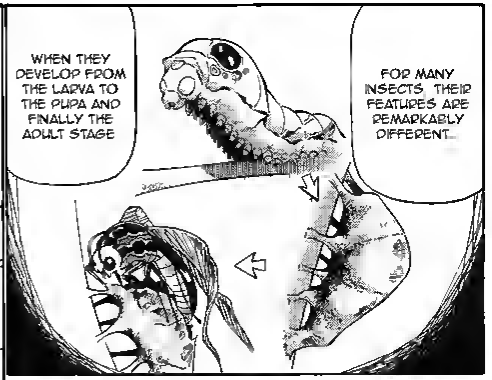
A SIMILAR PROCESS OCCURS AT THIS FACILITY HENCE THE NAME "BLACK COCOON"
JUST AS THE PUPA SPEND THEIR TIME SEALED IN COCOONS...


WHEN THEY DEVELOP FROM THE LARVA TO THE PUPA AND FINALLY THE ADULT STAGE
FOR MANY INSECTS THEIR FEATURES ARE REMARKABLY DIFFERENT...

SPECIAL REQUEST?
HOWEVER THERE HAS BEEN A SPECIAL REQUEST
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES THIS TEST IS IMPOSED ON POLICE AND MILITARY RECRUITS
SO DO I
YES
ARE THEY USING BIRDY FOR THIS REASON?
IN THE FUTURE WE ARE MORE LIKELY TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS WHEN WE TRAIN YOUNG IXIORANS
BIRDY WILL OVERCOME THIS TEST
4
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I'M SORRY DID I USE A LITTLE TOO MUCH FORCE?
I'M OK...
IT HURTS BUT IT FEELS GOOD ER...
AT LEAST I THINK IT WILL...
OW OW OW OW OW!
AFTER INSTRUCTOR SKELETSO'S INTENSIVE TRAINING, YOU NEED CONSTANT MAINTENANCE
EVEN THE REGULATION CHAMBER ISN'T ENOUGH
THIS HAS A REMARKABLE EFFECT EVEN WITHOUT COSTING ANYTHING
I TURNED THAT DOWN...
I'M UP TO DOING THIS MYSELF!

THE "BLACK COCOON" TOMORROW
YOU KNOW ABOUT IT RIGHT?
WHAT?
YOU'RE STILL THREE CYCLES FROM.
AT THE VERY EARLIEST THE RECRUITS TAKE THE CHALLENGE AT FIFTEEN CYCLES
6
WAIT
I'VE WORKED HARD FOR THIS ONE CHANCE... I'M DOING IT!
HUH?
I'M DOING IT.

WELL...
I THINK I CAN BEAT IT
NO, BUT...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE BLACK COCOON IS?
THAT JUST SURVIVING THE TEST WAS CONSIDERED A PASSING GRADE
I DO TOO, BUT I HEARD FROM SOMEONE...
7
I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE TO GO TO SUCH A PLACE...
AS YOUR CAREGIVER...
THE CONDITIONS THERE ARE TOO SEVERE
EVEN IF THE CANDIDATE IS IXIORAN...

IS NOT NECESSARILY WHAT IS IN THE INSTRUCTOR'S PROGRAM.
EVEN THE SPECIAL TRAINING THAT YOU'RE DOING NOW TO PREPARE FOR THE BLACK COCOON...
INSTRUCTOR SKELETSO HAS TRAINED ME WELL...
VIOLIN YOU WORRY TOO MUCH
VIOLIN
I KNOW THAT
IT'S DAMAGING YOUR BODY
VIOLIN. I THINK YOUR ENERGY CATALYST IS RECYCLED
WHAT IS IT?
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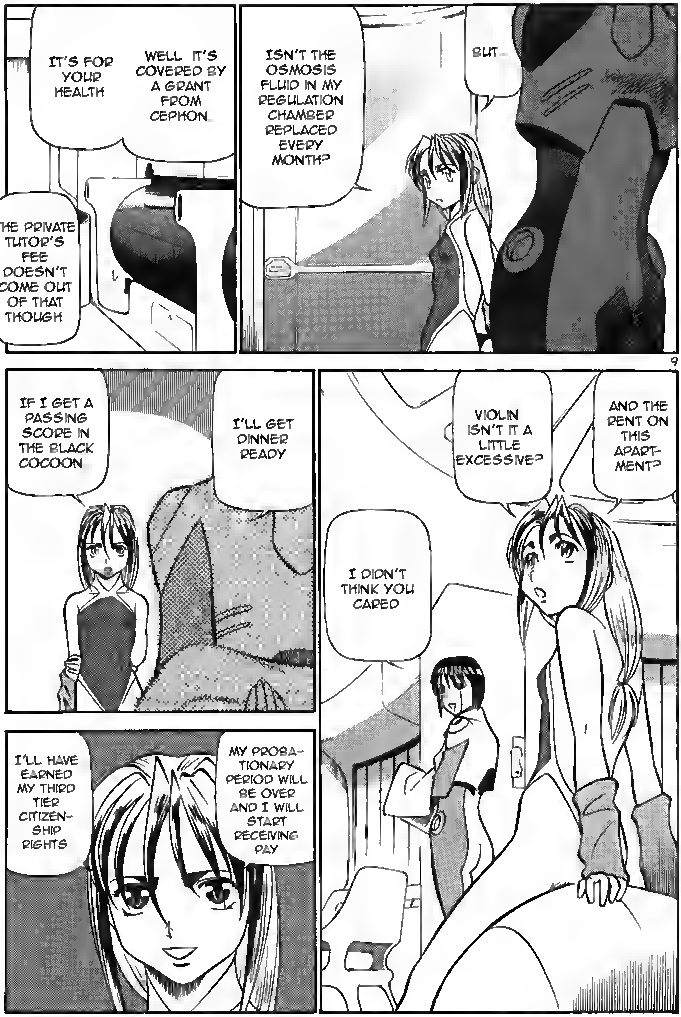
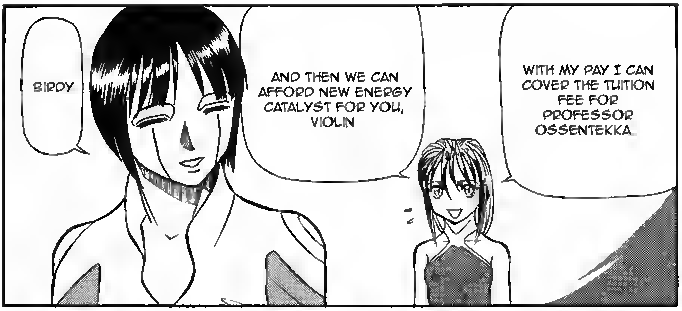
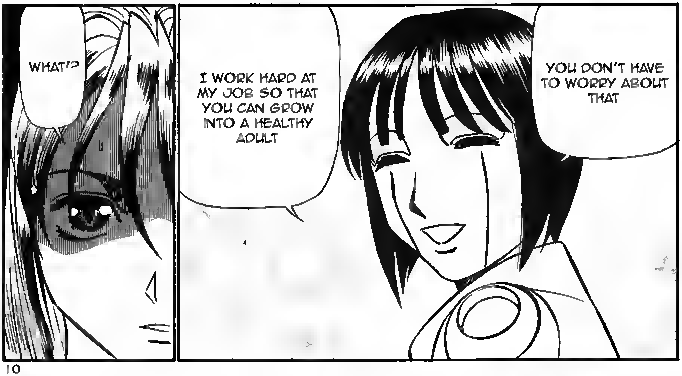
BESIDES, I DON'T THINK REMANU-FACTURED GOODS ARE INFERIOR
IT'S OK IT'S MORE ECO-NOMICAL


IT'S FOR YOUR HEALTH
WELL IT'S COVERED BY A GRANT FROM CEPHON
THE PRIVATE TUTOR'S FEE DOESN'T COME OUT OF THAT THOUGH
ISN'T THE OSMOSIS FLUID IN MY REGULATION CHAMBER REPLACED EVERY MONTH?
BUT...
9
IF I GET A PASSING SCORE IN THE BLACK COCOON
I'LL GET DINNER READY
VIOLIN ISN'T IT A LITTLE EXCESSIVE?
AND THE RENT ON THIS APARTMENT?
I DIDN'T THINK YOU CARED
I'LL HAVE EARNED MY THIRD TIER CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS
MY PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL BE OVER AND I WILL START RECEIVING PAY


BIRDY
AND THEN WE CAN AFFORD NEW ENERGY CATALYST FOR YOU, VIOLIN
WITH MY PAY I CAN COVER THE TUITION FEE FOR PROFESSOR OSSENTEKKA


WHAT!?
I WORK HARD AT MY JOB SO THAT YOU CAN GROW INTO A HEALTHY ADULT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT

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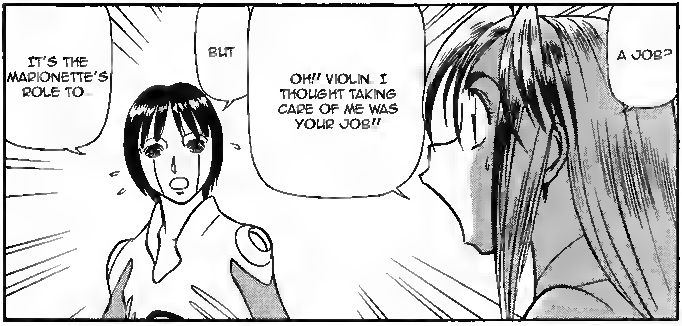
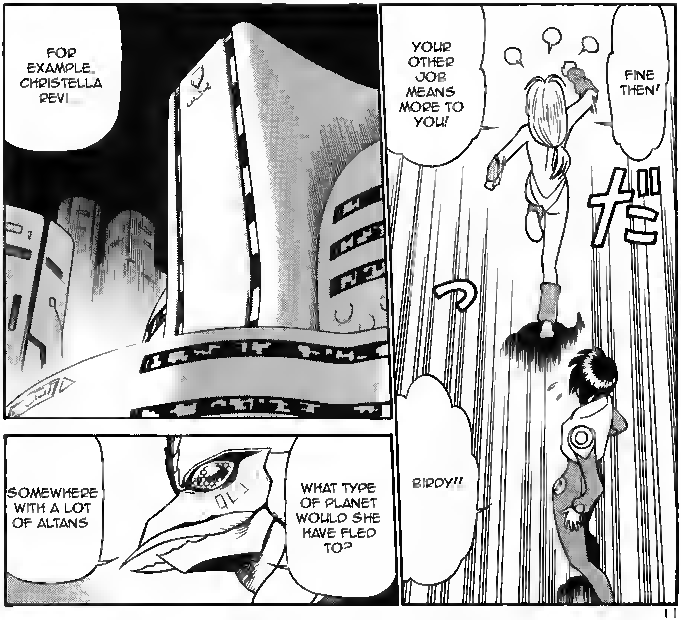

IT'S THE MARIONETTE'S ROLE TO
BUT
OH!! VIOLIN. I THOUGHT TAKING CARE OF ME WAS YOUR JOB!!
A JOB?


FOR EXAMPLE, CHRISTELLA REVI...
YOUR OTHER JOB MEANS MORE TO YOU!
FINE THEN!
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BIRDY!!
WHAT TYPE OF PLANET WOULD SHE HAVE FLED TO?
SOMEWHERE WITH A LOT OF ALTANS
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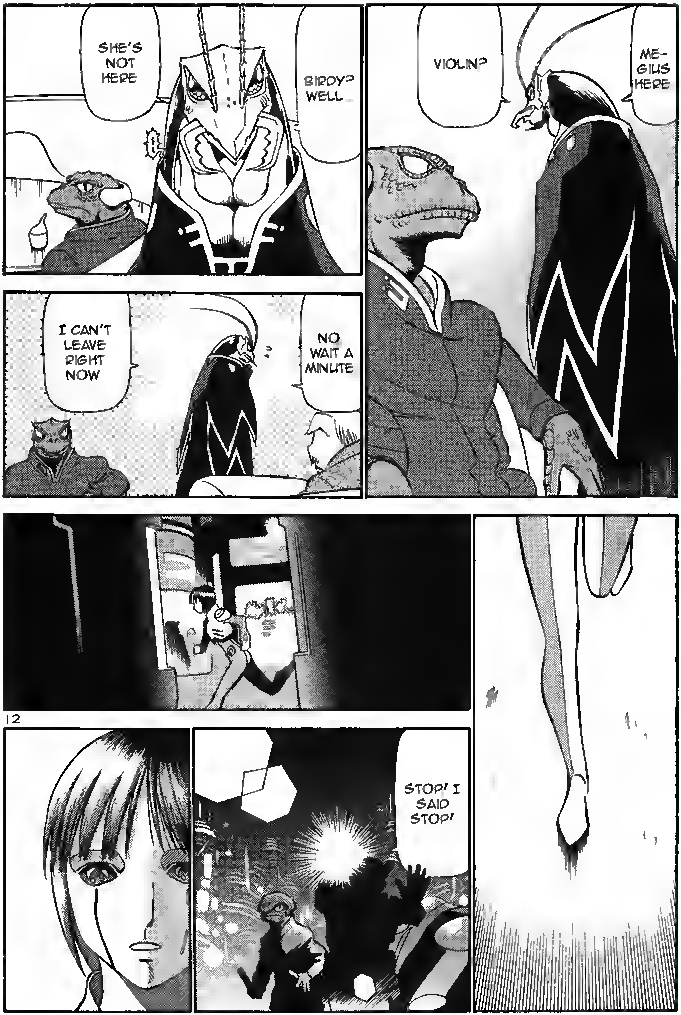
IDEALLY SPEAKING, IN OUR DEPARTMENT WE HAVE INVESTIGATORS AND STAFF MEMBERS AVAILABLE OF ALL RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS AND...
EX-CUSE ME
SO YOU SAY...
OBVIOUSLY ANY INVESTIGATOR WE SEND SHOULD BE ALTAN
ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHO TO SEND?


SHE'S NOT HERE
BIRDY? WELL...
VIOLIN?
ME-GIUS HERE
I CAN'T LEAVE RIGHT NOW
NO WAIT A MINUTE
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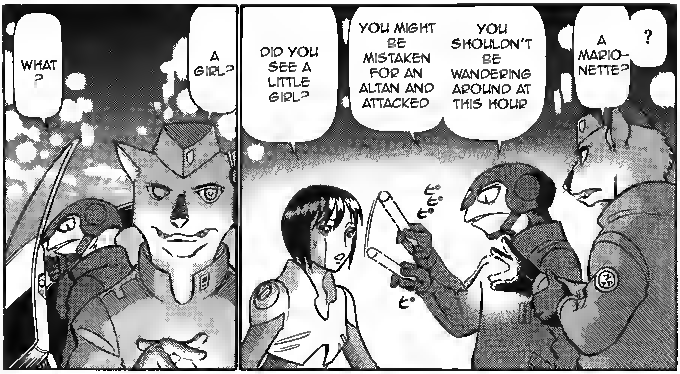
STOP! I SAID STOP!


WHAT?
A GIRL?
DID YOU SEE A LITTLE GIRL?
YOU MIGHT BE MISTAKEN FOR AN ALTAN AND ATTACKED
YOU SHOULDN'T BE WANDERING AROUND AT THIS HOUR
A MARIONETTE?
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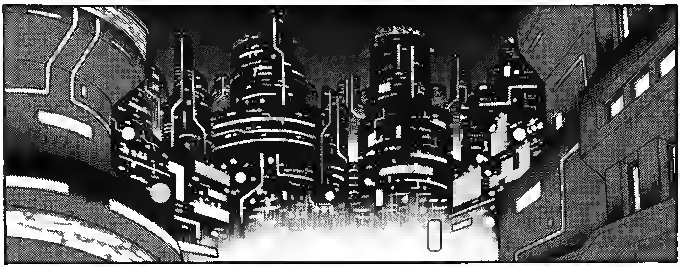

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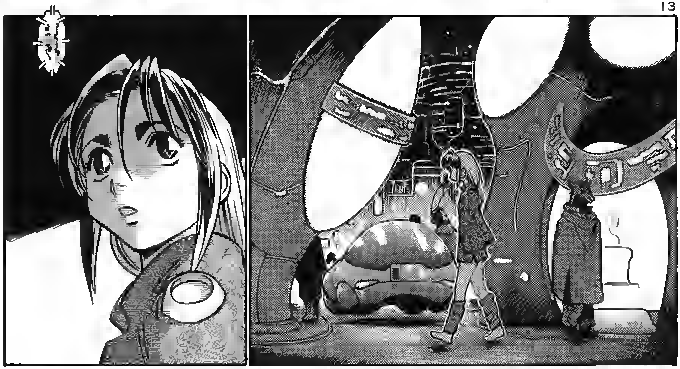
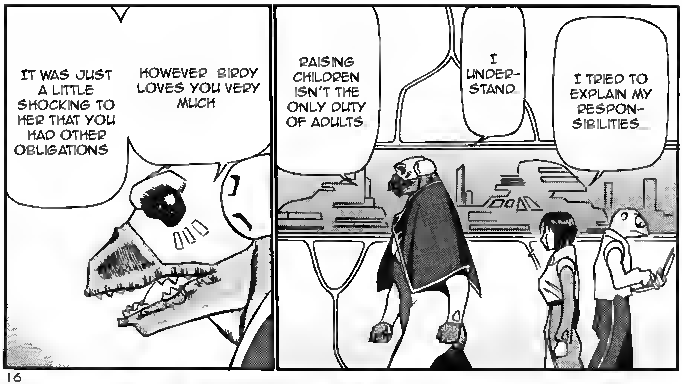


WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR YOUR LOVED ONES?
FOR YOU,
FOR YOUR FAMILY...
AMANGU LIFE INSURANCE
PAT
WAH!!

EXCUSE ME
!
BIRDY CEPHON?
WHY DIDN'T YOU NOTICE THAT SHE WAS GONE?
15
SHE WAS WALKING AROUND THE CITY IN THE DARK!
IS THIS
BECAUSE OF YOUR JOB?
!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LET IT SLIP
DON'T KEEP MAKING "MARIONETTE" MISTAKES


I TRIED TO EXPLAIN MY RESPONSIBILITIES...
I UNDERSTAND.
RAISING CHILDREN ISN'T THE ONLY DUTY OF ADULTS
HOWEVER, BIRDY LOVES YOU VERY MUCH
IT WAS JUST A LITTLE SHOCKING TO HER THAT YOU HAD OTHER OBLIGATIONS

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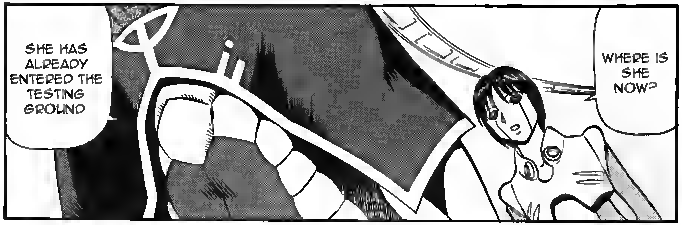
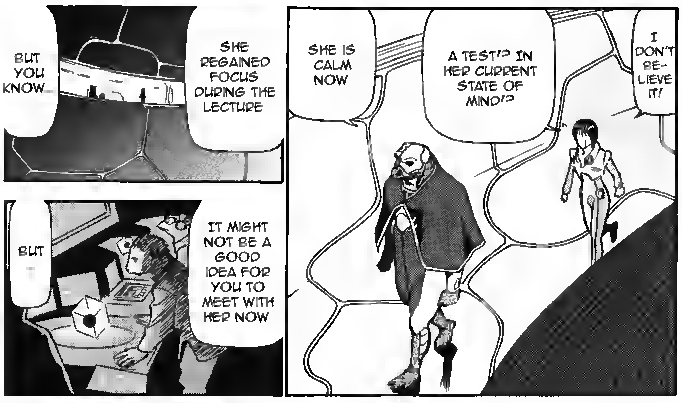
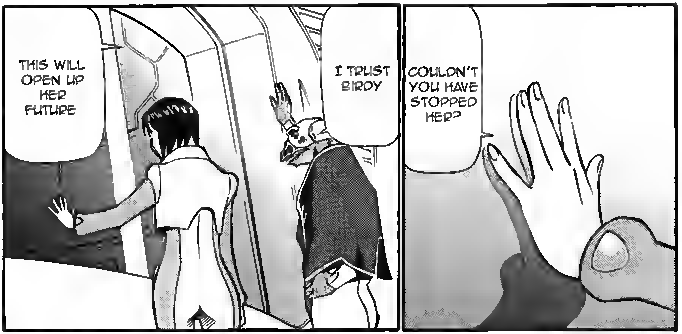
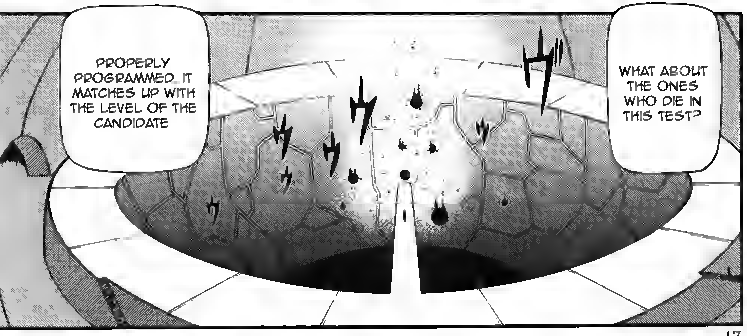
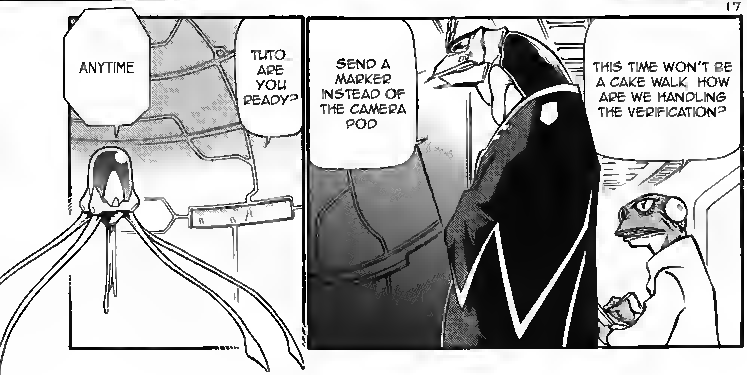

WHERE IS SHE NOW?
SHE HAS ALREADY ENTERED THE TESTING GROUND

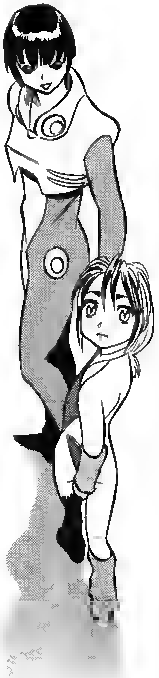

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
A TEST!? IN HER CURRENT STATE OF MIND!?
SHE IS CALM NOW
SHE REGAINED FOCUS DURING THE LECTURE
BUT YOU KNOW...
IT MIGHT NOT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO MEET WITH HER NOW
BUT...


THIS WILL OPEN UP HER FUTURE
I TRUST BIRDY
COULDN'T YOU HAVE STOPPED HER?


PROPERLY PROGRAMMED. IT MATCHES UP WITH THE LEVEL OF THE CANDIDATE
WHAT ABOUT THE ONES WHO DIE IN THIS TEST?


ANYTIME
TUTO ARE YOU READY?
SEND A MARKER INSTEAD OF THE CAMERA POD
THIS TIME WON'T BE A CAKE WALK. HOW ARE WE HANDLING THE VERIFICATION?

GRAVITATIONAL WAVE ISOLATION CHAMBER, SEALED
I UNDER-STAND
DO NOT ADVISE. JUST RECORD
PINHOLE CONVERGING ENGINE STARTUP
COCOON ESTABLISHED



BREAKING YOUTH ORDINANCES!
18+ PROHIBITED MANGA
YUUKI MASAMI
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GOOD MORNING EVERYONE
I'M GOING TO...
MAKEUP FIRST
LIKE THIS?
TRY TO SHOOT IT RIGHT THIS TIME!
OH!
HU HU HU HU
WELL... IT IS THE KEY SHOT
WHAT?! IT'S A BATH SCENE?
Y.M
IT WAS TIME I BROUGHT MY DAUGHTER TO WORK
TH... THAT'S CONVENIENT, HEY...
IT'S AN ALIEN PART, RIGHT?
WELL, SOMETHING...

WELL UH, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY!!
THE LEGISLATORS WOULD NEVER ALLOW SUCH A THING!!
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WEIRDOS, PERVERSIONS DIRTY BOOKS!!
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I'LL TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES
WELL, SINCE THE CHILDREN WON'T BE SEEING IT
IT'S JUST UNTIL MY AUNT GOES HOME
ROING!
HUH ?!
IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CARRY ON WITH THE SHOW
ADULT BIRDY!
IF YOU INSIST HEY
YOU WON'T PULL THE WOOL OVER MY EYES!
ピス
JUST IN CASE
WHY ?
MP-
LETE!
I KNOW WHY
HU HU HU HU
EVERY NIGHT...
HERE, TAKE THIS JUST IN CASE
TIE!?
USUALLY THERE'S SOMETHING TO TIE IT ON...
THERE ARE MANY DIFFICULTIES THESE DAYS

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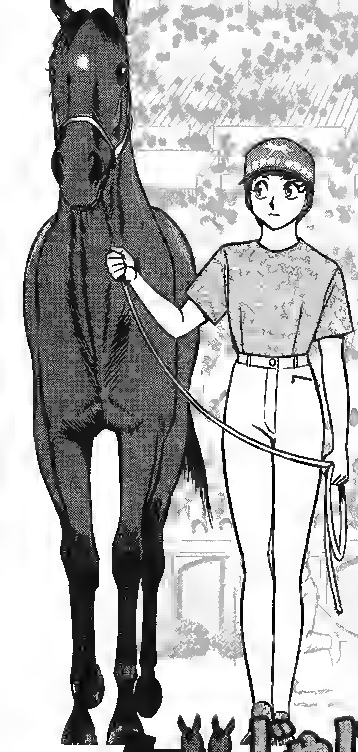

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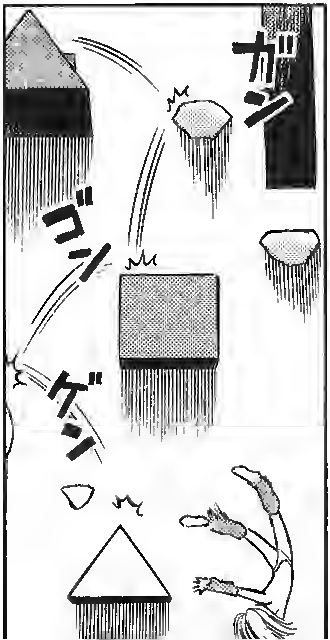
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